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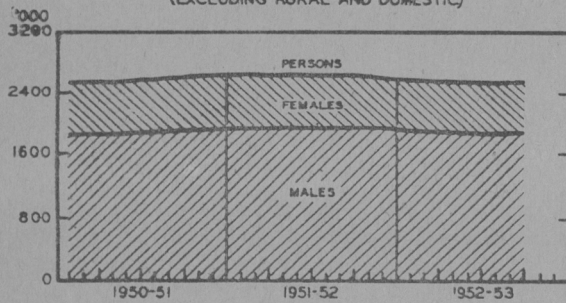
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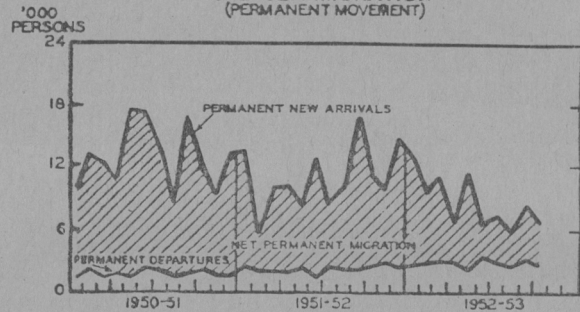
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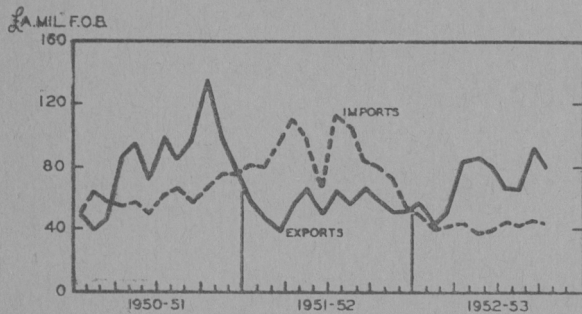
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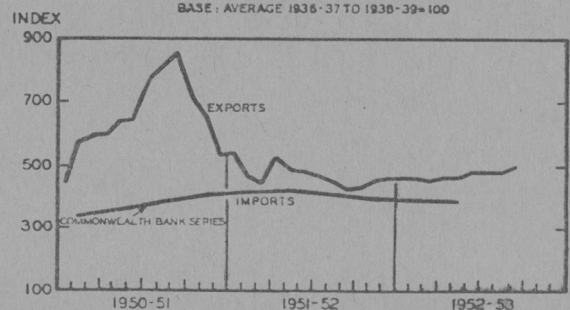
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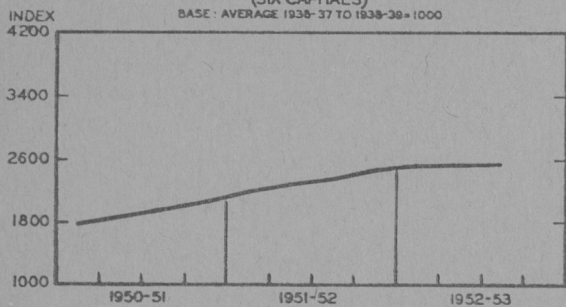
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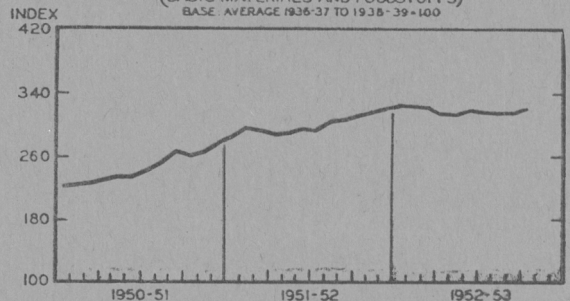
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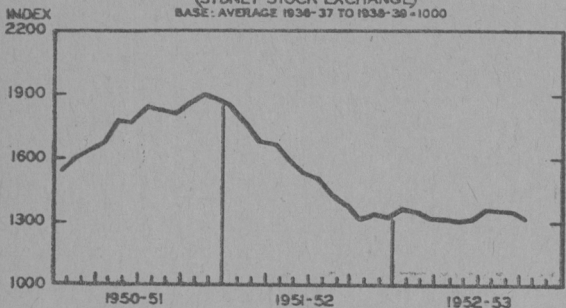
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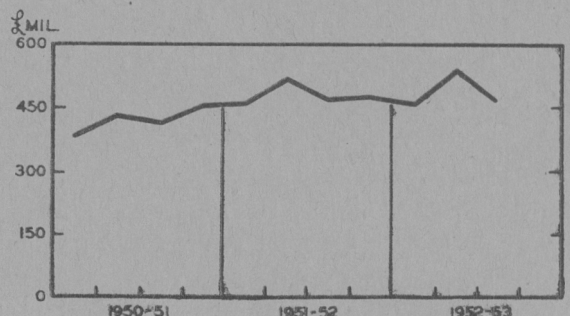
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INDICATORS OF BUSINESS ACTIVITY.

This and the following table summarize the trend of business activity shown by certain of the major indicators contained in various tables herein:—

Period.	Employment—Australia. Total—End of Month (Excluding Rural, Household Domestic and Defence Forces).(a)			Average Weekly Wage Earnings— Australia: Index No. (Base: 1945-46= 1,000).(b)	Oversea Trade (Merchandise only).		Building Permits(c) Six Capital Cities and Suburbs.	New Houses Com- pleted.(d)	Production of Black Coal.	Total Electricity Generated.
	Males.	Females.	Total.		Imports.	Exports.				
Monthly	'000.	'000.	'000.		£m. f.o.b.	£m. f.o.b.	£'000.	No.	'000 tons.	Million kWh.
Average—										
1932-33 ..	(e)992	(e)341	(e)1,333	n.a.	5.5	8.2	565	n.a.	732	225
1936-37 ..	n.a.	n.a.	n.a.	n.a.	8.6	12.4	1,986	n.a.	977	331
1937-38 ..	n.a.	n.a.	n.a.	n.a.	10.6	11.8	2,307	n.a.	990	363
1938-39 ..	(f)1,293	(f)437	(f)1,730	n.a.	9.4	10.2	2,353	n.a.	1,051	391
1945-46 ..	1,379	602	1,981	1,000	14.8	16.4	2,190	3,844	1,052	576
1946-47 ..	1,592	610	2,202	1,037	17.4	25.8	4,084	8,152	1,178	627
1947-48 ..	1,693	635	2,328	1,164	28.2	33.8	4,687	10,876	1,231	697
1948-49 ..	1,757	656	2,413	1,322	34.5	45.2	5,577	12,835	1,276	754
1949-50 ..	1,810	675	2,485	1,451	44.7	51.1	7,129	13,873	1,243	792
1950-51 ..	1,882	707	2,589	1,742	61.8	81.8	10,426	16,895	1,369	875
1951-52 ..	1,915	709	2,624	2,145	87.5	55.7	9,700	19,475	1,598	942
Monthly										
Total—										
1951-52—										
July ..	1,913	720	2,633	2,020	80.7	58.3	11,792	18,413	1,652	997
August ..	1,912	722	2,634		80.1	45.9	12,906		1,739	1,004
September	1,907	721	2,628		94.7	39.1	10,187		1,571	912
October	1,909	722	2,631	2,129	110.9	57.0	11,184	20,837	1,855	948
November	1,919	724	2,643		97.7	66.8	9,384		1,759	936
December	1,916	721	2,637		68.2	49.7	7,788		1,317	871
January ..	1,917	711	2,628	2,183	114.2	64.6	7,612	18,417	1,061	884
February	1,921	707	2,628		106.0	56.3	8,287		1,653	905
March ..	1,924	704	2,628		85.4	66.6	8,849		1,743	952
April ..	1,920	694	2,614	2,249	81.5	59.0	8,593	20,231	1,569	914
May ..	1,914	688	2,602		75.3	51.8	9,306		1,726	992
June ..	1,908	679	2,587		54.9	53.0	9,848		1,537	988
1952-53—										
July ..	1,894	674	2,568	2,305	49.9	57.5	8,544	20,261	1,886	1,082
August ..	1,882	668	2,550		39.6	41.8	8,733		1,574	1,039
September	1,871	666	2,537		42.4	r50.2	11,856		1,815	992
October ..	1,869	666	2,535	2,354	43.9	r84.8	9,911	20,251	1,866	1,018
November	1,866	667	2,533		35.5	r86.3	9,317		1,645	965
December	1,864	669	2,533		38.5	r81.5	8,259		1,347	972
January ..	1,858	664	2,522	2,361	44.7	r66.9	7,607	10,303	1,080	939
February	1,871	672	2,543		41.5	r65.0	10,303		1,556	932
March ..	r1,878	677	r2,555		44.2	90.2	10,978		1,570	r1,052
April ..	1,883	676	2,559		43.2	79.4			1,429	
May ..									1,396	

(a) Total number of wage or salary earners in employment excluding employees in the defence forces at home or abroad and Government "relief" workers. (b) Average earnings per employed male unit. Male units represent total male employment plus a proportion of female employment based on the approximate rates of female to male earnings. Seasonally adjusted. (c) All building operations for which permits granted by Local Government Authorities. Excludes Government buildings (see footnote, page 27).

(d) Including owner-built houses. Quarterly averages for years, and quarterly totals. (e) June, 1933; obtained from Census. (f) July, 1939; obtained from National Register.

For meaning of symbols n.a., r, see page 1.

INDICATORS OF BUSINESS ACTIVITY—continued.

Period.	Production of Ingot Steel.	New Motor Vehicles Registered.(a)		Mainland State Railways Gross Revenue.	P.M.G.'s Department Receipts. (b)	Wholesale Trade : New Sales Recorded Under Sales Tax Acts	Retail Sales.(c)	Private Trading Banks. (Weekly Averages).		Bank Debits to Customer's Accounts (Weekly Averages).
		Motor Cars.	Commercial Vehicles.					Deposits.	Advances.	
	'000 tons.	'000.	'000.	£'000.	£'000.	£m.	£m.	£m.	£m.	£m.
Monthly Average—										
1932-33 ..	32.7	1.0	0.3	3,017	1,053	29.1	n.a.	269.9	231.0	n.a.
1936-37 ..	90.0	4.0	2.0	3,407	1,318	37.2	n.a.	297.6	262.5	n.a.
1937-38 ..	97.2	4.6	2.3	3,632	1,396	40.6	n.a.	314.8	274.4	n.a.
1938-39 ..	97.5	4.5	2.1	3,580	1,447	39.8	n.a.	317.7	288.1	n.a.
1945-46 ..	88.5	0.2	0.7	5,576	2,371	55.7	n.a.	606.4	212.2	122.4
1946-47 ..	109.4	1.8	1.4	5,303	2,484	66.8	n.a.	636.6	261.1	148.9
1947-48 ..	112.1	3.6	2.4	(d)6,376	2,616	79.5	240.4	673.5	329.9	175.9
1948-49 ..	98.2	5.5	3.1	7,174	2,776	93.4	286.3	776.4	368.8	212.8
1949-50 ..	101.5	9.6	4.8	7,702	3,196	110.2	340.8	910.1	403.9	271.1
1950-51 ..	120.3	10.6	6.5	8,834	3,732	140.5	422.3	1,144.2	479.3	372.9
1951-52 ..	127.4	10.4	6.1	11,668	4,948	162.1	482.5	1,201.7	621.4	402.4
Monthly Total—										
1951-52—										
July ..	114.7	10.7	7.0	10,129	4,346	162.1	459.5	1,204.3	527.6	413.5
August ..	141.5	13.6	9.4	10,697	4,555	172.6		1,190.6	541.6	361.6
September	135.3	10.8	6.3	10,037	4,090	172.1		1,177.3	568.5	379.3
October	126.7	12.1	6.5	11,438	5,203	168.1	522.5	1,179.2	593.8	420.9
November	139.2	11.9	6.8	12,635	4,775	177.7		1,190.7	620.7	422.2
December	137.1	9.9	5.4	11,701	5,309	153.3		1,242.4	624.8	448.8
January ..	140.1	8.2	4.6	12,167	4,840	145.7	469.7	1,218.3	638.6	375.5
February	128.6	9.6	5.3	12,420	5,023	161.0		1,228.5	654.6	414.7
March ..	137.2	11.0	5.9	12,168	4,940	168.9		1,241.3	664.1	400.7
April ..	118.2	10.2	5.4	11,684	4,834	160.2	478.1	1,246.6	667.9	401.2
May ..	92.1	9.7	5.6	12,968	5,798	153.8		1,182.0	675.6	403.2
June ..	99.7	7.8	5.1	11,972	5,657	149.8		1,122.9	691.2	399.7
1952-53—										
July ..	147.2	7.6	4.7	12,118	5,334	150.6	460.0	1,072.1	699.3	384.2
August ..	153.1	6.6	4.0	12,317	5,121	142.1		1,059.5	690.4	339.2
September	152.1	7.2	4.1	13,428	5,382	157.8		1,054.1	682.0	353.2
October	166.0	9.0	4.5	13,889	5,702	r169.9	535.2	1,077.7	673.4	376.5
November	154.5	8.8	4.4	12,710	5,030	r150.2		1,114.3	655.7	401.7
December	153.8	9.3	4.6	13,123	5,898	162.2		1,147.4	637.7	432.8
January	157.1	6.0	3.1	12,540	4,866	132.9	r467.8	1,171.6	616.0	336.8
February	145.1	7.3	4.0	11,492	5,126			1,218.9	604.1	402.9
March ..	164.7	8.4	4.7		5,605			1,272.6	593.9	416.9
April ..	158.8	p7.5	p4.6		5,275			1,283.5	592.5	404.3
May ..		p7.9	p4.8					1,252.2	597.6	

(a) Excludes Northern Territory, also extra-metropolitan area of Western Australia prior to 1938-39. (b) Actual collections.
(c) Quarterly average for years, and quarterly totals. Excludes Australian Capital Territory and Northern Territory. (d) From July, 1947, covers all State and Commonwealth railways.

For meaning of symbols, n.a., r, p, —, see page 1.

POPULATION AND VITAL STATISTICS : AUSTRALIA.

Period.	Marriages.	Births.	Deaths.	Natural Increase.(a)	Net Migration.(b)	Total Increase.(c)	Population at end of Period.
Quarterly Average—							
1936-37	14,627	29,634	16,129	13,505	496	14,291	6,835,536
1937-38	15,529	29,924	16,170	13,754	1,676	15,751	6,898,541
1938-39	15,279	30,636	17,023	13,613	3,339	17,303	6,967,754
1945-46	18,051	39,002	18,048	20,954	-2,441	18,366	7,465,157
1946-47	19,399	48,072	18,401	29,671	-1,611	28,550	d7,579,358
1947-48	19,008	44,252	18,876	25,376	7,341	32,717	7,710,228
1948-49	18,498	44,149	19,041	25,108	25,287	50,395	7,911,806
1949-50	18,558	47,048	19,001	28,047	40,387	68,434	8,185,541
1950-51	19,211	48,114	19,896	28,218	33,244	61,462	8,431,390
1951-52	18,896	49,228	20,661	28,567	25,720	54,287	8,648,539
Quarterly Total—							
1949-50—							
March Qtr. ..	19,258	47,478	16,996	30,482	44,970	75,452	8,126,334
June	19,699	46,696	18,931	27,765	31,442	59,207	8,185,541
1950-51—							
September ..	16,636	48,433	23,668	24,765	31,278	56,043	8,241,584
December ..	20,006	47,984	18,592	29,392	44,815	74,207	8,315,791
March	20,387	48,012	17,239	30,773	33,633	64,406	8,380,197
June	19,814	48,025	20,083	27,942	23,251	51,193	8,431,390
1951-52—							
September ..	16,610	49,681	24,114	25,567	23,487	49,054	8,480,444
December ..	20,487	47,580	20,352	27,228	31,062	58,290	8,538,734
March	19,411	50,404	18,228	32,176	27,698	59,874	8,598,608
June	19,078	49,248	19,949	29,299	20,632	49,931	8,648,539
1952-53—							
September ..	15,679	50,896	23,878	27,018	24,883	51,901	8,700,440
December ..	20,004	51,102	19,542	31,560	20,819	52,379	8,752,819
March					8,632		

(a) Excess of births over deaths. For the period September, 1939 to June, 1947, excess of births over civilian deaths only.
 (b) Excess of arrivals over departures. A minus sign (—) denotes excess of departures over arrivals. Excludes troop movements for the period September, 1939 to June, 1947.
 (c) Includes natural increase and net migration together with adjustments for deaths of defence personnel and unrecorded movement of population between July, 1933 and June, 1947.
 (d) Census—30th June, 1947.

POPULATION: STATES.

Date.	New South Wales.	Victoria.	Queensland.	South Australia.	Western Australia.	Tasmania.	Northern Territory.	Australian Capital Territory.	Australia.
30th June—									
1939 ..	2,748,393	1,878,480	1,018,007	596,563	470,044	237,419	6,281	12,567	6,967,754
1946 ..	2,944,700	2,025,134	1,089,557	634,829	492,510	251,998	10,562	15,867	7,465,157
1947 ..	2,984,838	2,054,701	1,106,415	646,073	502,480	257,078	10,868	16,905	7,579,358
1948 ..	3,025,318	2,090,668	1,127,316	658,024	515,302	262,364	12,458	(a)18,778	7,710,228
1949 ..	3,113,659	2,139,124	1,150,771	673,069	532,667	269,383	13,800	(a)19,333	7,911,806
1950 ..	3,225,242	2,202,870	1,183,792	700,257	557,918	279,386	15,304	(a)20,772	8,185,541
1951 ..	3,317,182	2,269,291	1,211,239	720,040	581,486	290,838	16,422	24,892	8,431,390
1952 ..	3,388,437	2,335,475	1,238,425	739,563	601,266	302,111	16,478	26,784	8,648,539
31st December,									
1952 ..	3,421,768	2,356,823	1,247,890	751,535	614,483	315,955	15,884	28,481	8,752,819

(a) Revised A.C.T. estimates based on Census of Canberra, 14th-16th September, 1951, are as follows:—1948, 19,806; 1949, 21,245; 1950, 23,867.

OVERSEA MIGRATION.

Permanent migration refers to persons, other than Australian troops and their dependants, intending residence for one year or longer—in Australia in the case of arrivals, and abroad in the case of departures. Temporary migration refers to persons intending residence for shorter periods, together with Australian troops and dependants from July, 1947, onwards, irrespective of length of intended residence.

Period.	Temporary.				Permanent.		
	Australian Residents.		Visitors from Overseas.		Arrivals.	Australian Residents Departing.	Excess of Arrivals (+) or Departures (-).
	Arriving.	Departing.	Arriving.	Departing.			
Monthly Average—							
1936-37	1,910	1,937	2,294	2,297	1,148	953	+ 195
1937-38	2,127	2,060	2,617	2,678	1,478	925	+ 553
1938-39	2,145	1,966	2,649	2,742	2,081	1,055	+ 1,026
1945-46(a)	353	344	550	663	1,063	1,772	— 709
1946-47(a)	793	940	1,229	1,430	1,918	2,107	— 189
1947-48	2,238	1,981	1,729	1,897	3,881	1,523	+ 2,358
1948-49	2,008	1,898	2,829	2,566	9,568	1,511	+ 8,057
1949-50	2,336	2,500	3,470	3,644	15,407	1,608	+13,799
1950-51	2,812	2,617	3,594	3,753	12,774	1,729	+11,045
1951-52	3,251	3,233	3,895	4,085	10,872	2,126	+ 8,746
Monthly Total—							
1950-51—							
April	2,386	4,153	3,511	4,125	11,264	2,061	+ 9,203
May	2,050	3,444	3,769	4,175	9,333	1,575	+ 7,758
June	1,784	2,512	3,040	3,464	13,112	1,489	+11,623
1951-52—							
July	2,129	2,606	2,928	3,482	13,445	2,418	+11,027
August	3,111	2,021	3,307	3,306	5,602	1,907	+ 3,695
September	2,988	1,927	3,191	3,503	9,881	1,925	+ 7,956
October	4,137	2,037	4,261	3,491	10,109	1,797	+ 8,312
November	3,688	2,440	3,363	4,408	8,476	2,173	+ 6,303
December	4,274	3,443	5,103	3,709	12,597	1,448	+11,149
January	4,333	3,359	4,502	4,908	8,558	2,302	+ 6,256
February	3,249	4,186	4,292	4,409	9,996	2,139	+ 7,857
March	3,997	4,655	4,682	4,613	16,675	2,015	+14,660
April	2,452	4,497	4,065	4,366	10,949	2,353	+ 8,596
May	2,318	4,703	3,950	5,036	9,650	2,730	+ 6,920
June	2,331	2,919	3,092	3,786	14,524	2,309	+12,215
1952-53—							
July	2,609	2,938	3,537	3,572	12,474	2,649	+ 9,825
August	2,824	2,092	3,072	3,843	9,537	2,682	+ 6,855
September	3,696	2,561	3,604	4,007	10,774	2,900	+ 7,874
October	4,161	2,294	3,854	3,818	6,781	2,820	+ 3,961
November	4,415	2,253	3,775	3,712	11,305	2,136	+ 9,169
December	3,932	4,162	5,273	4,748	6,601	3,335	+ 3,266
January	3,799	3,589	3,907	5,220	7,181	2,785	+ 4,396
February	3,306	4,014	4,042	3,742	6,015	2,559	+ 3,456
March	3,496	5,836	4,885	5,335	8,268	3,187	+ 5,081
April	3,441	5,021	4,379	4,999	6,802	2,710	+ 4,092

(a) Excludes troop movements, September, 1939, to June, 1947.

WAGE AND SALARY EARNERS IN EMPLOYMENT : AUSTRALIA.(a)

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Month.	Total Employment. (Excluding Rural, Household Domestic and Defence Forces.)			Total Employment in Main Industrial Groups.						
	Governmental Authorities.(b)	Private Employers.	Total.	Mining and Quarrying.	Factories. (c)	Building and Construction.	Transport and Communication.	Retail Trade.	Other Commerce and Finance.	Professional and Personal Services. (d)
MALES.										
1939—July ..	349.8	943.3	1,293.1	52.2	391.5	149.7	185.9	259.7		133.6
1950—June ..	553.5	1,305.2	1,858.7	53.9	659.0	197.2	292.8	127.1	178.0	171.2
1951—June ..	570.4	1,341.1	1,911.5	55.8	674.7	212.7	294.7	129.7	188.4	171.7
1952—June ..	577.4	1,330.7	1,908.1	58.8	661.6	214.0	299.9	124.8	191.2	173.2
1952—January ..	563.8	1,353.1	1,916.9	56.0	675.4	211.9	295.7	128.5	193.7	172.8
February ..	568.2	1,352.3	1,920.5	56.7	674.1	214.0	296.9	127.3	194.4	173.7
March ..	571.6	1,352.1	1,923.7	57.2	672.9	215.1	298.8	126.3	195.0	174.5
April ..	575.7	1,343.7	1,919.4	57.5	667.8	216.8	299.8	125.5	193.4	174.1
1953—January ..	558.9	1,298.9	1,857.8	59.2	644.1	187.9	293.9	124.4	191.3	172.7
February ..	562.8	1,308.3	1,871.1	59.4	652.9	191.2	294.6	124.2	192.0	173.4
March ..	565.8	r1,312.3	r1,878.1	59.1	r657.7	192.4	294.1	123.9	192.4	174.5
April ..	566.7	1,315.7	1,882.4	59.0	661.3	193.8	294.1	124.5	191.3	174.3
FEMALES.										
1939—July ..	55.2	381.9	437.1	0.3	148.2	1.2	12.6	114.9		129.0
1950—June ..	107.6	580.6	688.2	0.7	223.8	3.3	38.8	113.3	64.8	211.2
1951—June ..	113.8	605.0	718.8	0.8	234.4	3.8	40.1	119.1	71.3	214.7
1952—June ..	115.2	564.2	679.4	0.9	199.2	4.2	39.5	112.6	72.9	215.0
1952—January ..	112.8	598.0	710.8	0.9	223.4	4.1	40.2	119.0	74.2	214.7
February ..	114.9	592.4	707.3	0.9	219.9	4.2	40.2	116.5	74.6	216.4
March ..	115.4	588.4	703.8	0.9	216.5	4.2	40.3	115.3	75.0	216.9
April ..	115.7	578.5	694.2	0.9	208.7	4.2	40.2	113.8	74.1	217.4
1953—January ..	110.2	554.0	664.2	0.9	193.7	4.1	36.8	110.4	72.1	211.8
February ..	112.0	560.0	672.0	0.9	199.7	4.2	36.8	109.9	72.3	213.9
March ..	112.6	564.5	677.1	0.9	203.9	4.2	36.7	109.6	72.5	215.0
April ..	112.2	563.9	676.1	1.0	203.2	4.3	36.5	109.6	71.9	215.3
PERSONS.										
1939—July ..	405.0	1,325.2	1,730.2	52.5	539.7	150.9	198.5	374.6		262.6
1950—June ..	661.1	1,885.8	2,546.9	54.6	882.8	200.5	331.6	240.4	242.8	382.4
1951—June ..	684.2	1,946.1	2,630.3	56.6	909.1	216.5	334.8	248.8	259.7	386.4
1952—June ..	692.6	1,894.9	2,587.5	59.7	860.8	218.2	339.4	237.4	264.1	388.2
1952—January ..	676.6	1,951.1	2,627.7	56.9	898.8	216.0	335.9	247.5	267.9	387.5
February ..	683.1	1,944.7	2,627.8	57.6	894.0	218.2	337.1	243.8	269.0	390.1
March ..	687.0	1,940.5	2,627.5	58.1	889.4	219.3	339.1	241.6	270.0	391.4
April ..	691.4	1,922.2	2,613.6	58.4	876.5	221.0	340.0	239.3	267.5	391.5
1953—January ..	669.1	1,852.9	2,522.0	60.1	837.8	192.0	330.7	234.8	263.4	384.5
February ..	674.8	1,868.3	2,543.1	60.3	852.6	195.4	331.4	234.1	264.3	387.3
March ..	678.4	r1,876.8	r2,555.2	60.0	r861.6	196.6	330.8	233.5	264.9	389.5
April ..	678.9	1,879.6	2,558.5	60.0	864.5	198.1	330.6	234.1	263.2	389.6

(a) Excludes defence forces, at home or abroad, and National Service trainees in camp. Estimated total employment is based on Pay-roll Tax returns and records of Government employment. Figures from June, 1950 subject to revision. (b) Includes all employees of Australian Government authorities (Commonwealth, State and Local) on services such as railways, tramways, banks, post office, air transport, education, broadcasting, police, public works, factories and munitions establishments, migrant hostels, &c., as well as administrative employees within Australia. (c) Pay-roll series subject to revision. (d) Includes Education, Health, Hotels and Restaurants, other Professional and Personal Services (except female private domestic)

For meaning of symbol r, see page 1.

WAGE AND SALARY EARNERS IN EMPLOYMENT : STATES.(a)

('000.)

Month.	New South Wales.	Victoria.	Queensland.	South Australia.	Western Australia.	Tasmania.	Northern Territory.	Australian Capital Territory.	Australia.
MALES.									
1939—July ..	529.9	357.5	172.8	106.7	82.9	37.4	2.1	3.8	1,293.1
1950—June ..	740.8	510.7	250.4	165.7	120.5	58.4	4.5	7.7	1,858.7
1951—June ..	758.2	525.8	259.3	170.0	125.3	60.2	4.6	8.1	1,911.5
1952—June ..	754.4	524.4	258.1	171.5	126.0	61.0	4.4	8.3	1,908.1
1951—December ..	764.6	525.2	255.9	170.2	126.7	61.0	4.5	7.8	1,915.9
1952—January ..	762.8	528.4	254.3	171.2	127.0	61.1	4.3	7.8	1,916.9
February ..	763.8	528.7	256.6	171.0	127.3	61.0	4.2	7.9	1,920.5
March ..	764.0	530.3	256.3	171.9	127.7	61.2	4.3	8.0	1,923.7
April ..	760.9	529.6	256.5	171.7	126.9	61.4	4.3	8.1	1,919.4
December ..	727.1	516.8	251.8	168.0	126.7	60.6	4.4	8.5	1,863.9
1953—January ..	723.9	517.3	247.6	167.2	127.6	61.2	4.4	8.6	1,857.8
February ..	728.6	519.8	250.5	168.7	128.7	61.8	4.4	8.6	1,871.1
March ..	r731.8	521.2	251.5	168.9	129.2	62.4	4.5	8.6	r1,878.1
April ..	732.3	522.6	252.5	169.9	129.7	62.3	4.5	8.6	1,882.4
FEMALES.									
1939—July ..	168.0	142.9	53.2	34.0	26.2	11.6	0.2	1.0	437.1
1950—June ..	278.5	210.0	83.1	54.3	39.9	19.4	0.9	2.1	688.2
1951—June ..	290.9	219.6	86.1	57.0	41.6	20.3	0.8	2.5	718.8
1952—June ..	270.5	206.6	83.8	54.9	40.5	19.8	0.8	2.5	679.4
1951—December ..	293.4	218.4	86.6	57.2	41.7	20.1	0.8	2.4	720.6
1952—January ..	287.2	216.7	85.6	57.3	40.6	20.2	0.8	2.4	710.8
February ..	285.1	215.9	84.9	56.6	41.3	20.2	0.8	2.5	707.3
March ..	282.5	215.4	84.5	56.7	41.4	20.1	0.8	2.4	703.8
April ..	277.1	211.5	84.4	56.3	41.3	20.3	0.8	2.5	694.2
December ..	264.5	203.6	84.1	53.4	40.7	19.5	0.9	2.4	669.1
1953—January ..	262.3	202.4	83.6	53.3	39.8	19.5	0.8	2.5	664.2
February ..	265.2	205.3	83.9	53.7	40.8	19.8	0.8	2.5	672.0
March ..	266.4	208.4	83.7	54.0	41.0	20.3	0.8	2.5	677.1
April ..	266.8	206.9	83.6	53.9	41.2	20.3	0.9	2.5	676.1
PERSONS.									
1939—July ..	697.9	500.4	226.0	140.7	109.1	49.0	2.3	4.8	1,730.2
1950—June ..	1,019.3	720.7	333.5	220.0	160.4	77.8	5.4	9.8	2,546.9
1951—June ..	1,049.1	745.4	345.4	227.0	166.9	80.5	5.4	10.6	2,630.3
1952—June ..	1,024.9	731.0	341.9	226.4	166.5	80.8	5.2	10.8	2,587.5
1951—December ..	1,058.0	743.6	342.5	227.4	168.4	81.1	5.3	10.2	2,636.5
1952—January ..	1,050.0	745.1	339.9	228.5	167.6	81.3	5.1	10.2	2,627.7
February ..	1,048.9	744.6	341.5	227.6	168.6	81.2	5.0	10.4	2,627.8
March ..	1,046.5	745.7	340.8	228.6	169.1	81.3	5.1	10.4	2,627.5
April ..	1,038.0	741.1	340.9	228.0	168.2	81.7	5.1	10.6	2,613.6
December ..	991.6	720.4	335.9	221.4	167.4	80.1	5.3	10.9	2,533.0
1953—January ..	986.2	719.7	331.2	220.5	167.4	80.7	5.2	11.1	2,522.0
February ..	993.8	725.1	334.4	222.4	169.5	81.6	5.2	11.1	2,543.1
March ..	r998.2	729.6	335.2	222.9	170.2	82.7	5.3	11.1	r2,555.2
April ..	999.1	729.5	336.1	223.8	170.9	82.6	5.4	11.1	2,558.5

(a) Excludes Rural, Household Domestic and Defence Forces and National Service trainees in camp. See also footnotes on page 6.

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WAGE AND SALARY EARNERS EMPLOYED IN FACTORIES.(a)

Period.	New South Wales.	Victoria.	Queensland.	South Australia.	Western Australia.	Tasmania.	Australia.				
							Males.	Females.	Persons.	Index—Av. 3 years ended June, 1939 = 1,000.	
										Un-adjusted.	Divided by Index of Total Population.
Monthly Average—	'000.	'000.	'000.	'000.	'000.	'000.	'000.	'000.	'000.		
1936-37 ..	197.8	183.0	45.9	39.3	21.4	11.8	359.6	139.6	499.2	950	959
1937-38 ..	215.6	193.6	49.6	42.6	22.0	12.5	387.7	148.2	535.9	1,019	1,019
1938-39 ..	219.5	193.9	51.5	42.0	22.1	13.2	391.8	150.4	542.2	1,031	1,022
1945-46 ..	300.9	245.9	63.0	60.9	29.1	18.4	524.8	193.4	718.2	1,366	1,264
1946-47 ..	331.3	256.1	68.6	68.2	32.2	19.2	578.2	197.4	775.6	1,475	1,347
1947-48 ..	349.8	268.1	73.0	71.1	34.0	20.3	611.5	204.8	816.3	1,553	1,397
1948-49 p ..	358.8	274.9	76.8	73.4	35.2	21.2	628.0	212.3	840.3	1,598	1,408
1949-50 p ..	358.8	281.5	79.6	75.7	36.6	21.9	636.9	217.2	854.1	1,624	1,386
1950-51 p ..	379.0	290.4	83.2	80.8	38.6	22.2	664.8	229.4	894.2	1,701	1,408
1951-52 p ..	377.9	292.2	83.1	81.3	38.8	22.0	672.3	223.0	895.3	1,703	1,369
Monthly Total—											
1950-51 p—											
April ..	381.7	295.3	84.2	81.6	39.1	22.8	671.1	233.6	904.7	1,721	1,412
May ..	383.5	295.3	85.4	81.6	39.4	23.1	674.0	234.3	908.3	1,728	1,413
June ..	384.4	295.6	85.3	81.7	39.5	22.6	674.7	234.4	909.1	1,729	1,410
1951-52 p—											
July ..	384.8	295.5	86.2	81.7	39.5	22.2	675.3	234.6	909.9	1,731	1,408
August ..	385.4	295.2	87.4	81.6	39.5	21.4	675.3	235.2	910.5	1,732	1,405
September ..	385.2	295.6	86.8	81.4	39.0	21.5	674.0	235.5	909.5	1,730	1,400
October ..	386.0	297.5	86.0	81.8	39.3	21.3	676.0	235.9	911.9	1,734	1,399
November ..	386.9	297.3	85.3	81.9	39.4	21.5	678.8	233.5	912.3	1,735	1,399
December ..	383.9	294.9	81.2	81.9	39.1	22.0	674.1	228.9	903.0	1,718	1,383
January ..	380.2	294.5	80.3	82.3	39.0	22.5	675.4	223.4	898.8	1,710	1,374
February ..	378.1	292.4	80.9	81.5	38.9	22.2	674.1	219.9	894.0	1,700	1,363
March ..	375.2	291.7	79.7	81.7	38.9	22.2	672.9	216.5	889.4	1,692	1,354
April ..	367.7	286.9	79.9	81.2	38.3	22.5	667.8	208.7	876.5	1,667	1,330
May ..	361.9	284.1	81.7	79.9	38.0	22.3	663.3	204.6	867.9	1,651	1,316
June ..	358.9	280.9	82.1	79.3	37.6	22.0	661.6	199.2	860.8	1,637	1,301
1952-53 p—											
July ..	354.1	277.9	82.3	78.4	37.4	21.4	655.3	196.2	851.5	1,619	1,284
August ..	350.3	274.5	82.7	77.1	38.0	20.8	650.0	193.4	843.4	1,604	1,269
September ..	346.8	273.6	82.3	76.2	37.8	20.6	645.0	192.3	837.3	1,593	1,258
October ..	347.0	275.3	82.7	76.0	38.1	20.6	646.1	193.6	839.7	1,597	1,258
November ..	347.4	274.8	82.6	75.8	38.2	20.7	645.5	194.0	839.5	1,597	1,256
December ..	345.5	274.5	80.5	76.4	38.2	21.2	644.0	192.3	836.3	1,591	1,249
January ..	346.6	276.2	78.7	76.1	38.4	21.8	644.1	193.7	837.8	1,593	1,247
February ..	351.6	281.5	80.9	77.8	38.9	21.9	652.9	199.7	852.6	1,622	1,268
March ..	r354.9	285.1	81.9	78.1	39.5	22.1	r657.7	203.9	r861.6	r1,639	r1,278
April ..	356.3	285.1	82.7	78.4	39.8	22.2	661.3	203.2	864.5	1,644	1,280

(a) Excludes National Service trainees in camp.

For meaning of symbols p, r, see page 1.

WAGE AND SALARY EARNERS EMPLOYED IN RETAIL TRADE.(a)

('000.)

Period.	New South Wales.	Victoria.	Queens-land.	South Australia.	Western Australia.	Tasmania.	Australia.(b)		
							Males.	Females.	Persons.
Monthly Average—									
1945-46.. ..	74.1	53.1	24.0	17.6	13.4	5.9	99.2	89.2	188.4
1946-47.. ..	85.1	60.5	27.8	20.4	15.2	6.5	112.4	103.4	215.8
1947-48.. ..	91.0	63.4	29.2	21.8	16.3	6.7	121.2	107.6	228.8
1948-49.. ..	93.9	65.7	29.9	22.6	17.1	6.9	125.5	111.2	236.7
1949-50.. ..	93.4	66.8	30.2	23.1	17.6	7.0	126.7	112.0	238.7
1950-51.. ..	97.2	68.8	31.1	23.9	18.2	7.3	129.3	117.8	247.1
1951-52.. ..	95.9	68.6	31.3	23.6	18.4	7.3	128.0	117.7	245.7
Monthly Total—									
1950-51—									
April	96.7	69.4	31.2	23.9	18.6	7.3	129.4	118.4	247.8
May	96.8	69.7	31.4	24.1	18.4	7.3	129.6	118.8	248.4
June	96.9	69.6	31.6	24.2	18.5	7.4	129.7	119.1	248.8
1951-52—									
July	96.8	69.7	31.7	23.9	18.5	7.4	129.5	119.1	248.6
August	96.9	69.5	31.7	24.0	18.3	7.3	129.2	119.1	248.3
September	96.1	69.2	31.6	23.9	18.4	7.3	128.7	118.5	247.2
October	96.7	68.7	31.6	24.1	18.4	7.3	128.5	118.8	247.3
November	99.1	70.1	32.0	24.1	18.6	7.4	130.0	122.0	252.0
December	101.9	70.8	32.6	24.2	19.1	7.6	132.2	124.7	256.9
January	96.5	69.0	31.5	24.0	18.5	7.4	128.5	119.0	247.5
February	95.1	68.1	31.1	23.4	18.5	7.2	127.3	116.5	243.8
March	94.1	67.7	30.4	23.1	18.3	7.3	126.3	115.3	241.6
April	92.8	66.9	30.4	23.0	18.3	7.3	125.5	113.8	239.3
May	92.7	66.7	30.4	23.1	18.2	7.2	125.3	113.6	238.9
June	91.8	66.7	30.3	22.9	17.9	7.1	124.8	112.6	237.4
1952-53—									
July	90.7	66.3	30.2	22.7	17.8	7.2	124.0	111.5	235.5
August	89.7	65.5	29.8	22.6	17.7	7.1	123.4	109.7	233.1
September	89.0	64.9	29.8	22.5	17.8	7.1	122.7	109.1	231.8
October	88.9	65.3	29.7	22.5	17.8	7.1	122.8	109.2	232.0
November	90.3	66.2	30.1	22.5	18.0	7.2	124.0	111.0	235.0
December	93.6	68.1	30.8	22.7	18.6	7.5	126.5	115.5	242.0
January	90.2	66.1	30.2	22.2	18.1	7.4	124.4	110.4	234.8
February	89.8	66.1	30.0	22.2	18.1	7.2	124.2	109.9	234.1
March	89.8	66.2	29.8	21.8	17.9	7.3	123.9	109.6	233.5
April	89.7	66.0	29.9	22.4	18.2	7.3	124.5	109.6	234.1

(a) Estimates based on Pay-roll Tax returns. Excludes National Service trainees in camp. Figures subject to revision.
(b) Includes Northern Territory and Australian Capital Territory.

AVERAGE WEEKLY TOTAL WAGES PAID AND AVERAGE EARNINGS.

The following figures are derived from employment and wages recorded on Pay-Roll Tax returns (which cover approximately 80 per cent. of total employment) and from estimates of the unrecorded balance. Pay of members of the armed forces is not included. The figures are not seasonally adjusted. A seasonally adjusted quarterly index of average weekly wage earnings is published on page 2.

Period.			New South Wales.(a)	Victoria.	Queensland.	South Australia.(b)	Western Australia.	Tasmania.	Australia.
AVERAGE WEEKLY TOTAL WAGES PAID (£'000).									
1945-46	..	..	4,966	3,378	1,563	947	689	344	11,887
1946-47	..	..	5,838	3,958	1,770	1,150	827	409	13,952
1947-48	..	..	6,976	4,719	2,069	1,369	954	492	16,579
1948-49	..	..	8,133	5,540	2,503	1,644	1,120	580	19,520
1949-50	..	..	9,018	6,370	2,838	1,894	1,315	672	22,107
1950-51	..	..	11,385	7,916	3,501	2,389	1,639	817	27,647
1951-52	..	..	14,364	9,816	4,319	3,018	2,108	1,059	34,684
1950-51—									
March	Qtr.	..	11,413	7,893	3,443	2,449	1,641	843	27,682
June	"	..	12,869	9,010	3,907	2,701	1,846	939	31,272
1951-52—									
September	"	..	13,387	9,292	4,099	2,808	1,987	950	32,523
December	"	..	14,988	10,122	4,439	3,054	2,110	1,046	35,759
March	"	..	14,083	9,537	4,143	3,005	2,073	1,079	33,920
June	"	..	14,998	10,315	4,594	3,205	2,265	1,160	36,537
1952-53—									
September	"	..	14,934	10,181	4,661	3,243	2,281	1,107	36,407
December	"	..	15,729	11,017	5,003	3,454	2,394	1,174	38,771
March	"	..	r14,241	r9,932	4,501	3,147	r2,288	1,181	r35,290

AVERAGE WEEKLY EARNINGS PER EMPLOYED MALE UNIT (£).(c)

1945-46	..	..	6.57	6.59	5.95	5.89	6.04	5.67	6.37
1946-47	..	..	6.81	6.86	6.00	6.19	6.18	5.94	6.59
1947-48	..	..	7.73	7.80	6.58	7.02	6.87	6.72	7.44
1948-49	..	..	8.73	8.84	7.63	8.03	7.75	7.56	8.44
1949-50	..	..	9.50	9.78	8.34	8.83	8.65	8.49	9.26
1950-51	..	..	11.46	11.70	9.82	10.58	10.23	9.99	11.09
1951-52	..	..	14.24	14.20	11.93	13.13	12.80	12.59	13.65
1950-51—									
March	Qtr.	..	11.41	11.51	9.65	10.76	10.14	10.17	11.01
June	"	..	12.78	13.05	10.75	11.81	11.31	11.19	12.34
1951-52—									
September	"	..	13.26	13.45	11.18	12.26	12.14	11.42	12.79
December	"	..	14.75	14.65	12.21	13.31	12.83	12.47	14.04
March	"	..	13.94	13.73	11.58	13.03	12.56	12.75	13.34
June	"	..	15.02	14.99	12.76	13.90	13.68	13.69	14.46
1952-53—									
September	"	..	15.23	15.06	12.96	14.26	13.93	13.35	14.62
December	"	..	16.24	16.30	13.99	15.30	14.55	14.13	15.66
March	"	..	14.70	r14.60	12.76	13.91	13.75	13.83	r14.23

(a) Includes Australian Capital Territory. (b) Includes Northern Territory. (c) Total wages as above divided by total civil employment expressed in male units. Male units equals the number of males plus a proportion of females based on the approximate ratio of female to male earnings. The same ratio has been used in each State and because the average ratio of female to male earnings may vary between States, precise comparisons between average earnings in different States cannot be made on the basis of the figures above.

NOTE.—Comparisons as to trend should be made for complete years or corresponding periods of incomplete years. Quarterly totals and averages are affected by seasonal influences.

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UNEMPLOYMENT AND SICKNESS BENEFITS.

Compiled from information furnished by the Department of Social Services on the operation of the *Unemployment and Sickness Benefits Act 1944* (from 1st July, 1947, Part VII. of the *Social Services Consolidation Act 1947-1952*), which came into effect on 1st July, 1945.

NUMBER OF PERSONS ON BENEFIT AT END OF EACH MONTH.(a)

Period.	Unemployment.							Sickness.	Special.(b)
	New South Wales (c)	Victoria.	Queensland.	South Australia. (d)	Western Australia.	Tasmania.	Australia.	Australia. (e)	Australia. (e)
Monthly Average—									
1946-47..	1,815	1,697	4,610	206	1,032	78	9,438	8,083	288
1947-48..	637	140	2,640	49	390	32	3,888	8,538	517
1948-49..	282	32	1,094	15	121	31	1,575	7,614	591
1949-50..	8,327	123	1,371	241	155	30	10,247	7,585	897
1950-51..	287	71	326	6	59	14	763	7,059	863
1951-52..	949	220	1,374	24	64	16	2,647	6,454	993
Monthly Total—									
1950-51—									
May(e) ..	261	45	309	3	46	7	671	6,960	850
June ..	246	32	263	3	50	10	604	7,044	921
1951-52—									
July ..	233	198	137	5	49	8	630	7,145	940
August ..	121	45	138	9	45	9	367	7,273	950
September ..	102	206	148	4	38	7	505	7,006	955
October ..	118	24	210	6	31	3	392	7,066	962
November ..	152	51	483	4	26	3	719	6,318	963
December ..	336	126	1,551	4	47	3	2,067	5,562	858
January ..	336	53	2,190	3	48	5	2,635	5,942	981
February ..	460	40	2,293	4	50	5	2,852	6,131	997
March ..	858	111	2,742	23	55	7	3,796	6,408	1,047
April ..	1,370	279	2,530	18	55	9	4,261	5,977	1,063
May ..	2,687	379	2,016	57	82	24	5,245	6,241	1,055
June ..	4,613	1,133	2,055	153	236	104	8,294	6,378	1,148
1952-53—									
July ..	7,300	2,947	2,188	448	618	179	13,680	6,387	1,172
August ..	13,661	6,454	2,631	878	954	299	24,877	6,556	1,153
September ..	15,982	7,058	2,716	954	790	306	27,806	6,830	1,170
October(f) ..	19,004	7,042	3,200	1,062	875	367	31,550	6,661	1,458
November ..	20,839	7,685	3,289	1,080	921	316	34,130	7,137	1,368
December ..	25,118	7,817	4,452	1,209	1,233	257	40,086	6,382	1,289
January ..	23,653	8,416	7,034	1,205	1,136	189	41,633	7,077	1,399
February ..	20,867	5,158	7,002	730	816	188	34,761	7,436	1,375
March ..	17,802	4,422	5,882	644	701	223	29,674	7,860	1,284
April ..	16,871	5,454	4,972	658	700	250	28,905	7,418	1,590
May ..	15,351	5,630	4,333	576	654	243	26,787	7,804	1,648

(a) Last Saturday of month. (b) Excludes migrants. (c) Includes Australian Capital Territory. (d) Includes Northern Territory. (e) Figures in these columns are as furnished by the Department of Social Services. From May, 1951, to September, 1952, the figures represent the number of persons on the cash sheet at the end of each month. (f) From October, 1952, the figures represent the number actually on benefit.

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UNEMPLOYMENT AND SICKNESS BENEFITS—continued.

NUMBER ADMITTED TO UNEMPLOYMENT BENEFIT AND AMOUNT PAID IN BENEFITS: AUSTRALIA.

Period.	Number Admitted to Unemployment Benefit.			Amount Paid in Benefits.				
	Males.	Females.	Persons.	Unem- ployment.	Sickness.	Special—		Total.
						Migrants.	Ordinary.	
				£	£	£	£	£
Monthly Average—								
1946-47 ..	6,115	433	6,548	75,902	59,280		2,328	137,510
1947-48 ..	2,273	116	2,389	30,802	65,944	1,319	3,391	101,456
1948-49 ..	955	56	1,011	11,570	66,319	7,088	4,225	89,202
1949-50 ..	10,854	2,571	13,425	105,506	68,001	35,361		208,868
1950-51 ..	881	111	992	5,204	62,143	13,520	5,568	86,435
1951-52 ..	1,771	520	2,291	15,584	59,157	6,911	2,319	83,971
Monthly Total—								
1950-51—								
May ..	475	101	576	5,927	58,965	7,441	5,652	77,985
June ..	695	112	807	105	51,524	7,797	5,708	65,134
1951-52—								
July ..	870	109	979	4,024	50,463	853	5,678	61,018
August ..	475	73	548	3,931	68,164	667	6,430	79,192
September ..	407	85	492	2,518	62,451	4,509	6,689	76,167
October ..	468	76	544	3,409	73,246	876	7,670	85,201
November ..	706	121	827	4,085	59,058	384	6,201	69,728
December ..	1,934	241	2,175	7,920	54,718	1,082	5,951	69,671
January ..	1,940	241	2,181	16,964	61,154	2,949	7,494	88,561
February ..	1,605	448	2,053	24,057	58,020	3,175	7,130	92,382
March ..	2,442	947	3,389	22,279	51,699	1,401	6,608	81,987
April ..	2,251	954	3,205	26,442	53,215	1,741	7,297	88,695
May ..	3,085	1,440	4,525	29,037	55,993	4,712	6,517	96,259
June ..	5,068	1,500	6,568	42,345	61,706	5,480	9,265	118,796
1952-53—								
July ..	9,037	2,049	11,086	62,782	52,981	15,648	8,391	139,802
August ..	18,387	3,257	21,644	108,369	59,372	9,963	9,420	187,124
September ..	13,491	1,914	15,405	165,905	64,754	10,213	6,007	246,879
October ..	14,502	1,839	16,341	322,697	102,636	r15,192	r10,096	450,621
November ..	17,071	2,158	19,229	r418,643	125,295	3,649	21,388	r568,975
December ..	12,611	1,572	14,183	466,964	r125,611	4,358	r19,752	616,685
January ..	19,276	1,651	20,927	554,904	145,911	10,905	22,529	734,249
February ..	11,509	1,513	13,022	619,691	145,556	9,706	17,999	792,952
March ..	8,525	1,249	9,774	479,235	122,060	3,525	14,133	618,953
April ..	9,641	1,299	10,940	413,500	116,520	5,844	15,348	551,212
May ..	10,716	1,698	12,414					

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TRADE UNION UNEMPLOYMENT RETURNS.

The only records of unemployment available continuously over a long period of years at short intervals are the quarterly percentages reported by trade unions to the Commonwealth Statistician. The membership of the reporting unions consists predominantly of males, and represents at present about 55 per cent. of the total trade union membership and between 25 and 30 per cent. of all wage and salary earners. For some States and some industries the returns are more representative than for others. This table, therefore, should not be read as indicating the relative degree of unemployment amongst unionists in the individual States or industrial groups. It is an indication of trend of unemployment as estimated or recorded by secretaries of those trade unions which supply returns. Returns are not collected from unions whose members are predominantly in permanent employment (Governmental, &c.) or casual employment (wharf labourers, &c.). The percentages relate to unemployment due to all causes except unemployment of those directly involved in industrial disputes.

(Per cent.)

Period.	New South Wales.	Victoria.	Queensland.	South Australia.	Western Australia.	Tasmania.	Australia.
1936-37	12.8	10.1	7.4	9.4	6.0	8.4	10.6
1937-38	10.0	8.2	6.9	7.3	5.4	6.8	8.5
1938-39	10.3	10.0	6.0	9.4	6.5	8.9	9.3
1945-46	1.5	1.1	0.9	1.4	1.5	1.5	1.3
1946-47	1.5	1.3	0.9	1.1	1.4	2.3	1.4
1947-48	1.0	0.9	0.6	0.9	1.1	1.5	1.0
1948-49	0.9	0.8	0.4	1.0	0.8	0.6	0.8
1949-50 (a) ..	3.3	0.7	0.9	2.2	1.1	0.7	2.0
1950-51	0.9	0.7	0.5	0.9	0.8	0.6	0.8
1951-52 p ..	1.3	1.0	0.9	1.1	0.9	1.7	1.2
1949-50—							
February ..	1.1	0.7	0.3	0.7	1.0	0.6	0.8
May	1.0	0.5	0.3	0.7	1.5	0.8	0.8
1950-51—							
August	1.1	0.7	0.5	1.1	0.8	0.5	0.8
November ..	0.9	0.7	0.3	0.9	0.9	0.4	0.7
February ..	0.8	0.6	0.2	0.7	0.7	0.6	0.7
May	0.9	0.6	0.8	0.8	0.7	1.0	0.8
1951-52—							
August	0.6	0.5	0.2	0.8	0.7	1.2	0.6
November ..	0.7	0.7	0.4	0.8	0.7	0.9	0.7
February p ..	1.2	1.0	1.1	0.9	0.5	1.1	1.1
May p	2.8	1.6	1.8	2.0	1.6	3.4	2.2
1952-53—							
August p ..	4.2	4.9	2.5	3.8	2.4	5.2	4.0
November p ..	4.8	4.8	1.8	3.2	1.5	5.2	4.1
February p ..	3.9	3.8	2.2	2.8	1.6	4.7	3.4

(a) Includes all members of reporting unions indirectly affected by the industrial dispute in the coal mining industry; those directly affected are, however, excluded.

NOTE.—Fuller particulars are shown in the *Quarterly Summary of Australian Statistics*.

INDUSTRIAL GROUPS: CHANGE FROM NOVEMBER, 1952, TO FEBRUARY, 1953.

Manufacturing—I. Wood, furniture, &c., 6.3% to 5.5%; II. Engineering, metal works, &c., 1.8% to 2.1%; III. Food, drink, tobacco, &c., 6.2% to 4.8%; IV. Clothing, textiles, &c., 1.9% to 1.1%; V. Books, printing, &c., 1.3% to 0.5%; VI. Other Manufacturing, 12.9% to 9.2%; VII. Building, 5.8 to 5.6%; VIII. Mining, quarrying, &c., 3.1% to 2.4%; X. Land Transport, other than railway and tramway services, 6.7% to 2.6%; IX., XI., XII., XIII. and XIV., Other and Miscellaneous, Nil (2.6); All groups—4.1 to 3.4%

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IMPORTS OF MERCHANDISE : ECONOMIC CLASSES.

(£A'000 f.o.b.)

Period.	Producers' Materials for use in—								Fuels and Lubricants.		Auxiliary Aids to Production.		Munitions and War Stores.	
	Building and Construction.		Rural Industries.		Manufacturing.		Total.							
	Class Ia.		Class Ib.		Class Ic.		Class I.		Class II.		Class III.		Class VII.	
Monthly Average—		%		%		%		%		%		%		%
1936-37 ..	347	4.0	143	1.7	3,435	39.9	3,925	45.6	621	7.2	408	4.7	31	0.4
1937-38 ..	472	4.4	155	1.5	4,285	40.2	4,912	46.1	784	7.4	470	4.4	36	0.4
1938-39 ..	385	4.1	171	1.8	3,599	38.2	4,155	44.1	736	7.8	469	4.9	88	0.9
1945-46 ..	258	1.8	348	2.4	5,438	36.8	6,044	41.0	1,665	11.3	629	4.3	2,539	17.2
1946-47 ..	405	2.3	316	1.8	7,595	43.8	8,316	47.9	1,527	8.8	1,129	6.5	428	2.5
1947-48 ..	727	2.6	289	1.0	12,362	43.9	13,378	47.5	2,379	8.4	2,059	7.3	129	0.5
1948-49 ..	1,194	3.5	318	0.9	13,545	39.2	15,057	43.6	3,037	8.8	2,212	6.4	257	0.7
1949-50 ..	2,026	4.5	431	1.0	14,438	32.3	16,895	37.8	3,852	8.6	2,390	5.4	129	0.3
1950-51 ..	3,416	5.5	416	0.7	23,479	38.0	27,311	44.2	5,029	8.1	2,829	4.6	94	0.2
1951-52 ..	4,898	5.6	518	0.6	34,630	39.6	40,046	45.8	5,902	6.7	5,236	6.0	1,132	1.3
Monthly Total—														
1950-51—														
April ..	4,113	6.1	363	0.5	27,296	40.1	31,772	46.7	5,935	8.7	3,325	4.9	170	0.3
May ..	3,581	4.7	280	0.4	33,452	44.0	37,313	49.1	5,919	7.8	3,584	4.7	102	0.1
June ..	4,380	5.8	398	0.5	32,291	42.6	37,069	48.9	5,878	7.8	2,728	3.6	255	0.3
1951-52 —														
July ..	3,232	4.0	422	0.5	36,818	45.6	40,472	50.1	5,974	7.4	4,173	5.2	156	0.2
August ..	5,175	6.4	698	0.9	32,835	41.0	38,708	48.3	5,431	6.8	2,940	3.7	101	0.1
September ..	5,183	5.5	465	0.5	42,478	44.9	48,126	50.9	5,899	6.2	6,157	6.5	200	0.2
October..	6,367	5.7	495	0.4	45,293	40.8	52,155	46.9	5,154	4.7	8,431	7.6	321	0.3
November ..	4,714	4.8	846	0.9	37,711	38.6	43,271	44.3	5,984	6.1	6,432	6.6	564	0.6
December ..	5,638	8.2	667	1.0	27,162	39.8	33,467	49.0	3,884	5.7	3,679	5.4	514	0.7
January ..	8,144	7.1	620	0.5	46,944	41.1	55,708	48.7	8,079	7.1	4,522	4.0	1,753	1.5
February ..	5,604	5.3	471	0.4	41,109	38.8	47,184	44.5	5,515	5.2	7,709	7.3	1,509	1.4
March ..	4,736	5.5	334	0.4	31,587	37.0	36,657	42.9	6,540	7.7	5,704	6.7	1,663	1.9
April ..	4,528	5.6	396	0.5	29,541	36.2	34,465	42.3	5,595	6.9	4,793	5.9	2,127	2.6
May ..	3,629	4.8	497	0.7	24,611	32.7	28,737	38.2	6,753	9.0	5,042	6.7	2,626	3.5
June ..	1,828	3.3	310	0.6	19,467	35.5	21,605	39.4	6,021	11.0	3,255	5.9	2,051	3.8
1952-53 p—														
July ..	1,736	3.5	385	0.8	16,940	33.9	19,061	38.2	6,608	13.3	4,240	8.5	890	1.8
August ..	836	2.1	405	1.0	15,161	38.3	16,402	41.4	5,465	13.8	2,879	7.3	297	0.8
September ..	1,490	3.5	458	1.1	15,464	36.5	17,412	41.1	6,222	14.6	1,844	4.4	381	0.9
October..	1,722	3.9	403	0.9	13,500	30.7	15,625	35.5	5,924	13.5	814	1.9	305	0.7
November ..	1,395	3.9	246	0.7	12,565	35.4	14,206	40.0	4,551	12.8	1,227	3.5	415	1.1
December ..	1,400	3.7	276	0.7	12,329	31.9	14,005	36.3	5,127	13.3	1,358	3.6	223	0.6
January ..	1,407	3.1	316	0.7	15,906	35.6	17,629	39.4	5,549	12.4	1,575	3.5	267	0.6
February ..	1,280	3.1	404	1.0	13,393	32.2	15,077	36.3	4,910	11.8	1,330	3.2	4,362	10.5
March ..	1,478	3.3	331	0.8	15,620	35.3	17,429	39.4	4,472	10.1	1,642	3.7	222	0.5
April ..	1,525	3.6	337	0.7	14,393	33.3	16,255	37.6	5,802	13.4	1,514	3.5	459	1.1

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IMPORTS OF MERCHANDISE : ECONOMIC CLASSES—continued.

(£A'000 f.o.b.)

Period.	Capital Equipment.						Finished Consumers' Goods.							
	Producers' Equipment.		Transport Equipment.				Food, Beverages and Tobacco.		Clothing and Accessories.		All Other.		Total.	
			Road Vehicles and Complete Parts.		Railway Equipment, Vessels and Civil Aircraft.									
Class IV.		Class V. B.		Class V. A, C, D.		Class VI. A, B, C.		Class VI. D.		Class VI. E-J.		Class VI.		
Monthly Average—		%		%		%		%		%		%		%
1936-37 ..	884	10.3	872	10.2	146	1.7	516	6.0	46	0.5	1,157	13.4	1,719	19.9
1937-38 ..	1,149	10.9	1,161	11.0	205	1.9	531	5.0	68	0.6	1,299	12.3	1,898	17.9
1938-39 ..	1,104	11.7	899	9.5	119	1.3	564	6.0	84	0.9	1,217	12.9	1,865	19.8
1945-46 ..	1,179	8.0	970	6.5	105	0.7	636	4.3	51	0.3	940	6.4	1,627	11.0
1946-47 ..	1,435	8.3	1,544	8.9	231	1.3	868	5.0	107	0.6	1,777	10.2	2,752	15.8
1947-48 ..	2,393	8.5	2,437	8.6	172	0.6	1,617	5.7	280	1.0	3,330	11.9	5,227	18.6
1948-49 ..	3,409	9.9	4,231	12.2	355	1.0	1,619	4.7	614	1.8	3,714	10.9	5,947	17.4
1949-50 ..	5,297	11.9	8,643	19.3	497	1.1	2,163	4.8	578	1.3	4,233	9.5	6,974	15.6
1950-51 ..	6,675	10.8	9,239	14.9	1,137	1.8	2,871	4.7	745	1.2	5,893	9.5	9,509	15.4
1951-52 ..	9,960	11.4	10,941	12.5	1,661	1.9	3,074	3.5	1,149	1.3	8,377	9.6	12,600	14.4
Monthly Total—														
1950-51—														
April ..	6,748	9.9	8,864	13.0	1,243	1.8	2,722	4.0	830	1.2	6,454	9.5	10,006	14.7
May ..	7,682	10.1	9,469	12.5	679	0.9	3,962	5.2	741	1.0	6,569	8.6	11,272	14.8
June ..	7,055	9.3	9,010	11.9	1,770	2.3	3,695	4.9	850	1.1	7,508	9.9	12,053	15.9
1951-52—														
July ..	7,027	8.7	9,250	11.5	1,321	1.6	4,659	5.8	736	0.9	6,948	8.6	12,343	15.3
August ..	9,270	11.6	10,049	12.5	1,278	1.6	3,443	4.3	831	1.0	8,098	10.1	12,372	15.4
September ..	8,876	9.4	9,780	10.3	1,421	1.5	3,815	4.0	1,399	1.5	9,009	9.5	14,223	15.0
October ..	10,985	9.9	14,083	12.7	1,958	1.8	4,327	3.9	1,560	1.4	11,974	10.8	17,861	16.1
November ..	9,795	10.0	13,582	13.9	2,110	2.2	3,687	3.8	1,558	1.6	10,681	10.9	15,926	16.3
December ..	7,210	10.6	8,087	11.9	1,053	1.5	2,039	3.0	1,065	1.6	7,233	10.6	10,337	15.2
January ..	11,374	10.0	13,992	12.2	2,864	2.5	3,096	2.7	1,785	1.6	11,063	9.7	15,944	14.0
February ..	11,450	10.8	15,836	14.9	2,390	2.3	2,698	2.5	1,856	1.8	9,836	9.3	14,390	13.6
March ..	10,190	11.9	10,714	12.5	1,086	1.3	2,617	3.1	1,543	1.8	8,687	10.2	12,847	15.1
April ..	10,893	13.3	10,691	13.1	1,303	1.6	2,441	3.0	901	1.1	8,325	10.2	11,667	14.3
May ..	12,447	16.5	10,073	13.4	1,479	2.0	2,206	2.9	419	0.5	5,535	7.3	8,160	10.7
June ..	10,000	18.2	5,149	9.4	1,665	3.0	1,859	3.4	141	0.3	3,134	5.6	5,134	9.3
1952-53 p—														
July ..	8,474	17.0	4,852	9.7	2,048	4.1	1,577	3.2	118	0.2	1,992	4.0	3,687	7.4
August ..	6,489	16.4	2,859	7.2	1,902	4.8	1,434	3.6	98	0.2	1,769	4.5	3,301	8.3
September ..	8,231	19.3	2,667	6.4	1,355	3.2	2,146	5.1	105	0.2	2,021	4.8	4,272	10.1
October ..	10,093	23.0	2,933	6.7	4,326	9.8	1,590	3.6	107	0.3	2,196	5.0	3,893	8.9
November ..	7,299	20.5	3,004	8.5	1,678	4.7	1,135	3.2	80	0.2	1,949	5.5	3,164	8.9
December ..	8,322	21.6	3,074	8.0	2,337	6.1	1,915	5.0	111	0.3	1,988	5.2	4,014	10.5
January ..	9,158	20.5	4,555	10.2	1,464	3.3	2,221	5.0	105	0.2	2,181	4.9	4,507	10.1
February ..	8,639	20.8	3,002	7.2	1,358	3.3	917	2.2	72	0.2	1,850	4.5	2,839	6.9
March ..	9,246	20.9	4,159	9.4	2,018	4.6	1,960	4.4	197	0.5	2,865	6.5	5,022	11.4
April ..	8,790	20.3	3,803	8.8	555	1.3	2,947	6.8	208	0.5	2,907	6.7	6,062	14.0

For meaning of symbol p, see page 1.

IMPORTS OF MERCHANDISE : DEGREE OF MANUFACTURE.

(£A'000 f.o.b.)

Period.	Producers' Materials. (Class I.)			Finished Consumers' Goods. (Class VI.)			Total Imports of Merchandise. (All Classes.)			
	Crude.	Simply transformed.	Elaborately transformed.	Crude.	Simply transformed.	Elaborately transformed.	Crude.	Simply transformed.	Elaborately transformed.	Total.
Monthly Average—										
1936-37 ..	1,024	373	2,528	45	303	1,371	1,069	1,505	6,032	8,606
1937-38 ..	1,241	449	3,222	48	300	1,550	1,289	1,796	7,530	10,615
1938-39 ..	1,100	351	2,704	55	309	1,501	1,155	1,627	6,653	9,435
1945-46 ..	1,810	631	3,603	75	485	1,067	1,885	3,048	9,825	14,758
1946-47 ..	2,422	795	5,099	109	634	2,009	2,531	3,321	11,510	17,362
1947-48 ..	2,903	1,803	8,672	107	1,110	4,010	3,010	5,872	19,292	28,174
1948-49 ..	3,273	2,059	9,725	133	899	4,915	3,406	6,738	24,361	34,505
1949-50 ..	3,916	1,777	11,202	180	1,277	5,517	4,096	7,851	32,730	44,677
1950-51 ..	7,012	3,185	17,114	273	1,600	7,636	7,285	10,961	43,577	61,823
1951-52 ..	7,788	4,788	27,469	359	1,446	10,795	8,147	13,933	65,398	87,478
Monthly Total—										
1950-51—										
April ..	10,053	3,733	17,986	311	1,407	8,288	10,364	12,228	45,471	68,063
May ..	10,159	5,186	21,968	343	2,068	8,861	10,502	14,445	51,073	76,020
June ..	8,227	4,360	24,482	289	1,700	10,064	8,516	13,231	54,071	75,818
1951-52—										
July ..	14,925	4,141	21,406	649	2,525	9,169	15,574	13,902	51,240	80,716
August ..	6,159	5,934	26,615	633	1,482	10,257	6,792	14,480	58,877	80,149
September ..	7,083	5,501	35,542	524	1,674	12,025	7,607	14,809	72,266	94,682
October ..	10,439	7,707	34,009	669	1,574	15,618	11,108	16,585	83,255	110,948
November ..	7,625	5,926	29,720	294	1,591	14,041	7,919	15,612	74,133	97,664
December ..	5,386	3,825	24,256	143	765	9,429	5,529	9,895	52,807	68,231
January ..	10,808	7,976	36,924	251	1,366	14,327	11,059	19,678	83,499	114,236
February ..	8,448	4,872	33,864	202	1,313	12,875	8,650	14,031	83,302	105,983
March ..	6,808	3,171	26,678	167	1,154	11,526	6,975	12,703	65,723	85,401
April ..	4,616	3,090	26,759	260	1,243	10,164	4,876	11,814	64,844	81,534
May ..	6,498	2,512	19,727	375	1,087	6,698	6,873	12,011	56,433	75,317
June ..	4,656	2,820	14,129	142	1,581	3,411	4,798	11,675	38,407	54,880
1952-53 p—										
July ..	5,121	1,780	12,160	110	1,011	2,566	5,231	10,550	34,079	49,860
August ..	4,445	2,768	9,189	173	998	2,130	4,618	9,994	24,982	39,594
September ..	4,823	2,877	9,633	221	1,543	2,508	5,044	11,514	25,826	42,384
October ..	3,648	2,084	9,891	333	906	2,654	3,981	8,949	30,983	43,913
November ..	4,240	2,342	7,624	159	518	2,487	4,399	8,001	23,144	35,544
December ..	4,016	1,214	8,775	200	1,137	2,677	4,216	8,196	26,048	38,460
January ..	4,928	2,407	10,294	367	1,480	2,660	5,295	10,294	29,115	44,704
February ..	5,095	1,368	8,614	115	473	2,251	5,210	7,490	28,817	41,517
March ..	4,780	2,212	10,437	199	1,270	3,553	4,979	8,789	30,442	44,210
April ..	5,046	2,308	8,901	482	1,825	3,755	5,528	10,767	26,945	43,240

Note.—Class II. consists entirely of goods "simply transformed", and Classes IV., V. and VII. entirely of goods "more elaborately transformed". Class III. is about equally divided between goods "simply" and "more elaborately" transformed.

For meaning of symbol p, see page 1.

EXPORTS OF MERCHANDISE : PRINCIPAL COMMODITIES.

(£A'000 f.o.b.)

Period.	Wool.	Wheat and Flour.	Butter.	Sugar.	Meats.	Hides and Skins.	Lead.	Dried Fruits.	Fresh Fruits.	Total Exports. (b)
Monthly Average—										
1936-37.. ..	5,209	2,029	734	309	861	609	402	172	165	12,374
1937-38.. ..	3,915	2,245	898	336	1,021	516	409	224	171	11,806
1938-39.. ..	3,561	1,106	1,074	348	982	342	356	239	169	10,212
1945-46.. ..	5,772	1,463	1,023	268	1,168	986	352	179	105	16,406
1946-47.. ..	10,511	2,406	1,048	235	1,761	1,228	904	202	129	25,752
1947-48.. ..	12,396	7,053	1,719	264	1,882	1,030	1,148	213	324	33,844
1948-49.. ..	19,283	8,202	1,984	1,108	(a)2,388	1,017	1,856	288	260	45,206
1949-50.. ..	26,096	7,376	2,056	1,185	2,854	1,263	1,416	241	328	51,141
1950-51.. ..	52,779	8,921	1,539	1,240	2,533	2,272	1,796	389	477	81,816
1951-52.. ..	26,953	7,359	383	586	2,957	1,428	2,156	472	572	55,668
Monthly Total—										
1950-51—										
April	101,817	8,623	1,052	368	2,660	3,408	2,926	502	1,170	136,053
May	64,961	10,315	660	375	3,538	3,157	2,070	726	1,663	98,663
June	45,049	11,077	413	395	3,166	2,250	5,203	956	1,286	79,773
1951-52—										
July	27,002	9,557	216	1,263	3,808	1,757	1,523	921	361	58,316
August	10,818	11,671	119	2,106	4,062	1,717	2,339	519	312	45,857
September	11,209	9,172	29	799	3,014	1,266	2,708	431	111	39,145
October	26,296	9,409	181	950	3,064	1,664	2,576	462	134	56,986
November	36,646	6,879	800	1,088	2,855	1,724	3,247	238	125	66,841
December	30,619	3,233	359	217	2,312	1,089	1,277	114	53	49,652
January	36,652	5,464	1,234	30	2,408	1,572	1,154	96	72	64,560
February	32,486	5,475	392	57	2,281	1,510	1,099	52	119	56,253
March	38,014	5,863	196	54	2,465	1,338	2,927	5	343	66,563
April	30,167	7,972	172	31	2,713	1,263	3,054	575	991	59,000
May	21,273	7,540	498	294	3,616	1,010	1,182	1,350	2,098	51,825
June	22,248	6,070	397	142	2,887	1,222	2,787	902	2,150	53,021
1952-53 pr—										
July	23,912	5,899	438	37	5,083	1,351	3,743	907	1,026	57,496
August	9,698	6,973	593	881	5,515	1,616	2,467	1,120	543	41,810
September	15,320	5,525	1,029	2,234	6,026	1,342	1,764	1,017	184	50,226
October	41,555	5,886	3,165	2,839	7,956	1,665	3,687	104	207	84,825
November	46,436	6,650	2,618	3,533	6,895	1,767	3,710	147	86	86,348
December	48,463	4,893	3,377	1,595	5,715	1,754	494	20	159	81,460
January	34,469	6,391	1,024	2,249	5,137	1,637	931	19	13	66,937
February	31,920	5,050	1,351	2,657	4,644	1,942	1,708	18	172	65,018
March	48,693	10,097	2,285	3,026	4,872	1,524	1,660	153	1,068	90,207
April	38,590	10,345	1,502	1,793	4,348	1,992	2,151	1,520	2,347	79,406

(a) Prior to July, 1948, included Soups (1948-49 monthly average exports £92,000).
Gold Ingot, Bar, Sheet, Granulated, Dust, &c., and Gold Specie.

(b) Excludes Gold contained in Matte,

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EXPORT PRICE INDEXES.

These index-numbers are compiled from the prices of 20 commodities which normally constitute about 80 per cent. of all exports. For some metals and for wheat (from July, 1945 to September, 1951), the index of prices is deduced from average value of current sales or shipments and hence shows some irregularity. From October, 1951, the prices used for wheat are the estimated average realizations after weighting prices of quota and non-quota wheat.

SIMPLE AGGREGATIVE INDEX: FIXED WEIGHTS.

In this index the prices of the commodities are multiplied by the average annual exports (production in the case of gold) during the three years 1933-34 to 1935-36.

(Base of each Section : Average 3 years ended June, 1939 = 100.)

Period.	Wool.	Wheat.	Butter.	Metals. (a)	Meats. (b)	Sugar.	Dried Fruits. (c)	Tallow.	Hides. (d)	Gold. (e)	All Groups.	
											Ex- cluding Gold.	In- cluding Gold.
Percentage Dis- tribution of Base Aggregate	(f) 45.63 (g) 49.05	17.06 18.34	11.36 12.21	6.83 7.34	6.63 7.13	2.40 2.58	1.81 1.94	0.64 0.69	0.66 0.72	6.98 ..	.. 100.00	100.00 ..
1936-37 ..	122	123	92	120	98	104	103	122	113	99	116	115
1937-38 ..	99	111	107	96	106	92	103	100	100	98	102	102
1938-39 ..	79	66	101	84	96	104	94	78	87	103	82	83
1946-47 ..	173	305	173	308	139	264	152	361	334	122	209	203
1947-48 ..	287	420	193	372	146	320	157	436	364	122	296	283
1948-49 ..	365	413	233	478	171	343	162	499	421	122	348	332
1949-50 ..	473	400	250	421	196	369	176	400	479	164	399	383
1950-51 ..	999	432	271	689	209	410	226	356	752	176	690	654
1951-52 ..	564	436	291	811	263	464	302	451	486	184	495	473
1950-51—												
April ..	1,094	443	271	774	208	426	303	354	829	176	747	708
May ..	973	445	271	771	219	426	303	354	811	176	689	653
June ..	717	447	271	751	219	426	303	354	726	176	562	535
1951-52—												
July ..	(h)717	449	291	842	237	426	303	354	616	176	572	544
August ..	551	452	291	842	237	426	303	354	521	176	490	468
September ..	498	445	291	862	237	426	303	354	541	176	465	445
October ..	686	432	291	869	271	426	303	483	575	176	559	532
November ..	603	432	291	835	271	426	303	483	566	176	515	492
December ..	581	432	291	860	271	426	303	483	561	189	506	484
January ..	566	432	291	825	271	501	303	483	531	193	498	477
February ..	520	432	291	827	271	501	303	483	451	196	475	456
March ..	460	432	291	817	273	501	300	483	378	193	445	427
April ..	475	432	291	799	273	501	300	483	398	187	451	432
May ..	543	432	291	711	273	501	300	483	346	184	477	457
June ..	566	432	291	641	273	501	300	483	343	186	483	463
1952-53—												
July ..	(h) 566	432	313	621	294	501	300	483	340	186	486	465
August ..	(h) 566	432	313	613	294	501	300	483	381	187	486	465
September ..	551	432	313	603	294	501	300	483	379	188	477	457
October ..	588	432	313	501	321	501	300(h)	483	383	188	490	469
November ..	588	432	313	501	321	501	300	360	404	187	490	469
December ..	618	p448	313	510	321	501	300	322	395	184	p508	p485
January ..	618	p448	313	509	321	501	300	298	391	189	p508	p485
February ..	626	p448	313	475	321	501	300	295	375	186	p509	p486
March ..	p656	p448	313	463	321	501	290	298	364	185	p522	p499
April ..	p671	p448	313	418	321	501	290	284	344	185	p526	p502

(a) Silver, copper, tin, zinc, lead. (b) Beef, lamb, mutton, pork. (c) Sultanias, lexiass, currants. (d) Cattle hides, calf skins. (e) The price used in the index since 14th December, 1951, is the price of Australian gold on overseas premium markets. (f) For All Groups (including Gold)—applicable from 1936-37. (g) For All Groups (excluding Gold)—applicable from 1936-37. (h) Nominal.

For meaning of symbol p, see page 1.

EXPORT PRICE INDEXES—continued.

RECENT TRENDS—EXPORT PRICE INDEX—WOOL AND "OTHER GROUPS".

Reference to the group indexes in the table on page 18 hereof will show the great increases and the wide dispersion of prices of export commodities in recent years. In particular, very great movements upwards and downwards occurred in the price of wool during the twelve months ended June, 1951. Similar, but less marked, movements have occurred in prices of metals and hides. Since wool is a predominant export (with 46 per cent. of the Base Aggregate of the index) fluctuations in wool prices obscure the movements affecting the other components in the All Groups index. For purposes of comparison they are shown separately below.

(Base of each Section : Average 3 years ended June, 1939 = 100.)

Period.	Wool.	Other Groups.	All Groups.	Month.	1950-51			1951-52.			1952-53.		
					Wool.	Other Groups.	All Groups.	Wool.	Other Groups.	All Groups.	Wool.	Other Groups.	All Groups.
1936-37	122	108	115	July ..	a 592	333	451	a 717	400	544	a 566	381	465
1937-38	99	105	102	August ..	864	340	579	551	400	468	a 566	380	465
1938-39	79	87	83	September	890	355	599	498	400	445	551	379	457
				October..	890	360	602	686	403	532	588	370	469
				November	965	366	639	603	398	492	588	368	469
1945-46	117	171	146	December	973	366	643	581	403	484	618	p374	p485
1946-47	173	228	203	January ..	1,252	368	771	566	402	477	618	p374	p485
1947-48	287	280	283	February	1,339	369	811	520	402	456	626	p369	p486
1948-49	365	305	332	March ..	1,437	377	860	460	400	427	p656	p367	p499
1949-50	473	308	383	April ..	1,094	384	708	475	397	432	p671	p361	p502
1950-51	999	365	654	May ..	973	385	653	543	385	457			
1951-52	564	397	473	June ..	717	383	535	566	376	463			

(a) Nominal.

MONTH-TO-MONTH INDEX : CHANGING WEIGHTS.

The index-numbers in the two preceding tables, while they indicate satisfactorily the general trend of the market, take no account of the relative quantities actually sold at the different prices ruling during each month. In consequence the index-numbers do not give an adequate indication of the significance of the price movements as they actually affected current sales. This is shown more accurately by the index-numbers (including gold) in the following table, in the computation of which the "quantity-multipliers" are changed each month. The index-numbers are designed solely for comparisons of current prices with those of the corresponding months, or periods of months, of the preceding year.

(Base : Weighted average price level in corresponding months of preceding year = 100.)

Month.	Month stated compared with same month of preceding year.						Period of trade year ending in month stated compared with same period of preceding year.					
	1950-51.		1951-52.		1952-53.		1950-51.		1951-52.		1952-53.	
	Ex-cluding Wool.	In-cluding Wool.	Ex-cluding Wool.	In-cluding Wool.	Ex-cluding Wool.	In-cluding Wool.	Ex-cluding Wool.	In-cluding Wool.	Ex-cluding Wool.	In-cluding Wool.	Ex-cluding Wool.	In-cluding Wool.
July ..	119	156	116	119	93	84	119	156	116	119	93	84
August ..	119	182	113	87	96	98	119	168	114	104	94	89
September ..	117	174	110	80	95	102	118	170	113	96	95	93
October ..	114	184	107	85	93	88	117	175	111	92	94	91
November ..	117	196	106	70	93	96	117	181	110	85	94	92
December ..	115	182	106	67	98	105	117	181	110	82	95	95
January ..	112	196	106	54	r95	105	116	184	109	75	95	96
February ..	109	192	107	50	93	112	115	185	109	71	95	98
March ..	113	226	105	41	91	126	115	191	109	66	94	101
April ..	113	174	100	53	92	123	115	189	108	64	94	104
May ..	112	145	98	65			114	183	107	65		
June ..	114	119	95	84			114	178	106	66		

For meaning of symbols r, p, see page 1.

WHOLESALE PRICE (BASIC MATERIALS AND FOODSTUFFS) INDEX.

Commodities in this index are priced in their primary or basic form wherever possible. The prices used have in the main been obtained directly from manufacturers and merchants, and, with a few important exceptions, from Melbourne sources. Apart from locally-produced building materials and one or two minor commodities, however, the price movements may be taken as representative of variations in wholesale prices of basic materials in most Australian markets. The weighting system adopted is based on estimates of the average annual consumption of the commodities in Australia during the years 1928-29 to 1934-35 inclusive.

(Base : Average 3 years ended June, 1939 = 100.)

Period.	Basic Materials.							Food-stuffs and Tobacco.	Basic Materials and Foodstuffs.		
	Metals and Coal.	Oils, Fats and Waxes.	Textiles.	Chemicals.	Rubber and Hides.	Building Materials.	Total.		Goods principally Imported. (a)	Goods principally Home Produced.	Total All Groups.
1936-37 ..	96	99	118	99	111	99	99	97	99	98	98
1937-38 ..	101	101	100	100	97	104	102	100	102	100	101
1938-39 ..	103	100	82	101	92	97	99	103	99	102	101
1945-46 ..	130	156	152	142	140	177	149	135	178	126	141
1946-47 ..	132	145	191	140	131	180	149	138	177	129	143
1947-48 ..	146	161	283	148	126	190	166	153	192	145	159
1948-49 ..	185	173	342	159	130	198	188	175	201	173	181
1949-50 ..	214	184	434	187	143	225	214	198	223	198	205
1950-51 ..	256	196	641	242	292	268	264	232	256	242	246
1951-52 ..	343	220	577	314	298	370	321	281	288	305	300
1950-51—											
April (b)	280	208	703	252	329	296	286	240	268	258	261
May (b)	289	208	634	252	322	296	285	251	268	266	266
June (b)	289	208	479	254	304	311	278	276	272	279	277
1951-52—											
July ..	288	209	490	300	301	314	283	283	271	289	283
August ..	308	209	604	301	351	316	299	292	274	304	295
September ..	314	212	566	305	348	320	301	282	276	297	291
October ..	320	213	698	305	347	344	315	266	282	291	288
November ..	341	223	633	307	323	362	324	261	289	290	290
December ..	344	223	616	313	271	364	322	270	286	297	294
January ..	346	223	605	313	270	365	322	266	286	294	292
February ..	363	223	560	317	264	394	331	280	295	307	304
March ..	365	223	504	327	261	394	330	289	295	313	308
April ..	370	223	517	327	262	395	332	294	296	318	312
May ..	379	230	559	327	278	433	347	294	301	325	318
June ..	379	230	570	331	296	433	349	298	301	330	321
1952-53—											
July ..	392	230	570	344	279	435	354	304	301	337	327
August ..	394	230	577	350	241	418	351	303	294	338	325
September ..	399	230	566	349	237	418	352	295	294	333	321
October ..	390	235	589	349	233	418	352	283	295	322	314
November ..	390	237	589	349	223	420	352	280	294	321	313
December ..	390	237	609	349	227	420	353	291	296	329	319
January ..	389	236	608	350	223	420	353	288	295	327	317
February ..	391	235	611	355	212	391	348	288	287	327	315
March ..	393	235	p640	355	212	391	p350	287	288	p328	p316
April ..	392	235	p643	359	203	391	p350	297	286	p336	p321

(a) Represents only such imported commodities as are included in the wholesale price index. This index does not measure changes in price of imports generally. (b) This computation includes the price of raw wool for local manufacture. For computation using auction room price of wool see note (b) at foot of page 21 of issue No. 180.

For meaning of symbol p, see page 1.

WHOLESALE PRICE INDEXES : VARIOUS COUNTRIES.

(Base : Average 3 years ended June, 1939 = 100.)

Period.	Australia.	Canada.	France.	India.	New Zealand.	South Africa.	Sweden.	United Kingdom.		U.S.A.
	Common-wealth Statistician.	Dominion Statistician.	Inst. Nat. de la Stat.	Economic Adviser to the Government of India.	Government Statistician.	Census and Statistics Office.	Board of Trade.	Board of Trade.	Economist.	Bureau of Labour Statistics (a)
1936-37 ..	98	101	83	104	96	97	98	100	105	104
1937-38 ..	101	104	105	100	102	103	103	104	102	101
1938-39 ..	101	95	112	96	102	100	99	96	93	95
1948-49 ..	181	195	2,032	(b) 379	180	186	196	218	218	194
1949-50 ..	205	195	2,196	389	184	195	198	237	235	186
1950-51 ..	246	224	(c) 123	426	210	216	237	288	283	211
1951-52 ..	300	229	145	414	243	252	285	321	297	213
1952-53—										
August ..	325	r218	144	387	251	270	289	317	293	212
September	321	217	143	389	255	270	286	315	293	211
October ..	314	r215	140	388	258	272	284	319	290	210
November	313	r216	140	383	256	274	275	317	290	209
December	319	216	140	373	256	273	276	320	293	207
January ..	317	216	141	378		271	274	320	291	208
February ..	315	216	139	382		p266		r316	292	207
March ..	p316	217	140	385				rp316	293	p208
April ..	p321							p307	p292	

(a) New Series (linked as at January, 1947, to former series to show movement prior to that date).
prior to July, 1947. Thereafter "General Purpose Series", on base : Year ended August, 1939 = 100.

(b) "Sensitive Series"
(c) New Series. Base : 1949 = 100.

RETAIL PRICE INDEXES : VARIOUS COUNTRIES.

(Base : Average 3 years ended June, 1939 = 100 (a)).

Period.	Australia.(a)	Canada.	New Zealand.	South Africa.	United Kingdom.(a)	United States of America.
	Common-wealth Statistician.(b)	Dominion Statistician.	Government Statistician.	Census and Statistics Office.	Ministry of Labour.	Bureau of Labour Statistics.
1936-37	973	98	96	97	97	100
1937-38	998	102	101	101	102	101
1938-39	1,029	100	103	102	101	99
1948-49	1,528	158	142	155	(c) 109	170
1949-50	1,669	160	146	159	113	166
1950-51	1,906	172	159	168	118	178
1951-52	2,337	186	176	182	(d) 131	186
1952-53—						
July	} 2,524 {	185	} 182 {	188	138	189
August		184		189	137	189
September	} 2,530 {	185	} 184 {	194	136	189
October		184		195	138	189
November	} 2,558 {	185	} 185 {	195	138	189
December		184		195	138	189
January	} 2,558 {	184	} 185 {	194	138	189
February		184		193	139	188
March	} 2,558 {	182	} 185 {		140	188
April						

(a) For bases of series for Australia and United Kingdom, see footnotes (b), (c) and (d).
(b) For Australia the base is the average of 3 years ended June, 1939 = 1,000.
(c) New series on base 17th June, 1947 = 100; cannot be linked to former series.
(d) From the month of February, 1952, the new series on base 15th January, 1952 = 100 has been linked to former series on base 17th June, 1947 = 100.

For meaning of symbols r, p, —, see page 1.

RETAIL PRICE AND WAGE-RATE INDEXES.

In the tables on this and the following page the index-numbers have been recomputed uniformly to the base average 3 years ended June, 1939 = 1,000 in order to facilitate comparisons with other data. The absolute index-numbers differ, in consequence, from those appearing in other publications of the Bureau.

(Base : Average 3 years ended June, 1939 = 1,000.)

Period.	Retail Price Indexes : Six Capital Cities.						Weekly Wage-rate Indexes : Six States.	
	Food and Groceries.	Rent of 4 and 5 roomed houses.	Food, &c., and Rent ("B" Series).	Clothing.	Mis-cellaneous.	Food, &c., Rent, Clothing and Mis-cellaneous ("C" Series).	Nominal Rates, Adult Males.	"Real" Wage, Adult Males.(a)
1936-37	963	968	965	976	996	973	949	976
1937-38	989	1,001	993	1,006	1,003	998	1,007	1,009
1938-39	1,048	1,031	1,042	1,018	1,001	1,029	1,044	1,015
1945-46	1,187	1,054	1,134	1,777	1,212	1,278	1,343	1,051
1946-47	1,208	1,054	1,147	1,873	1,225	1,309	1,423	1,087
1947-48	1,333	1,056	1,222	2,013	1,279	1,392	1,565	1,123
1948-49	1,531	1,058	1,340	2,264	1,349	1,528	1,757	1,150
1949-50	1,664	1,063	1,421	2,626	1,443	1,669	1,913	1,147
1950-51	1,998	1,076	1,626	3,044	1,597	1,906	2,298	1,206
1951-52	2,694	1,104	2,051	3,623	1,898	2,337	2,806	1,201
1950-51—								
January	2,009	1,084	1,659	3,040	1,630	1,932	2,367	1,225
February	2,050							
March	2,085							
April	2,153	1,087	1,752	3,357	1,710	2,067	2,507	1,213
May	2,186							
June	2,269							
1951-52—								
July	2,372	1,091	1,897	3,463	1,787	2,191	2,629	1,200
August	2,443							
September	2,517							
October	2,576	1,094	2,018	3,582	1,870	2,303	2,771	1,203
November	2,684							
December	2,673							
January	2,706	1,105	2,085	3,658	1,905	2,366	2,878	1,216
February	2,750							
March	2,796							
April	2,935	1,124	2,204	3,789	2,031	2,488	2,946	1,148
May	2,935							
June	2,941							
1952-53—								
July	2,993	1,156	2,233	3,808	2,103	2,524	3,054	1,210
August	2,958							
September	2,945							
October	2,915	1,181	2,210	3,884	2,121	2,530	3,102	1,226
November	2,888							
December	2,921							
January	2,943	1,212	2,243	3,912	2,134	2,558	3,110	1,216
February								
March								

(a) Index of nominal weekly wage rates for adult males divided by the "C" Series Retail Price index-number.

RETAIL PRICES, HOURS AND WAGES.

Particulars.	New South Wales.	Victoria.	Queensland.	South Australia.	Western Australia.	Tasmania.	Six Capitals or Six States.
1952 : March Quarter—							
Retail Prices—"C" Series (a)	2,444	2,322	2,262	2,314	2,346	2,346	2,366
Nominal weekly wage (a) ..	2,938	2,842	2,835	2,795	2,899	2,848	2,878
"Real" " " (a) ..	1,202	1,224	1,253	1,208	1,236	1,214	1,216
Average weekly hours (a) ..	890	889	890	890	879	890	889
Federal metrop. basic wage (b)	216/-	209/-	199/-	205/-	205/-	208/-	210/-
State " " "	(b) 216/-	(c)	(d) 199/-	(b) 205/-	(e) 214/1	(c)	..
1952 : June Quarter—							
Retail Prices—"C" Series (a)	2,576	2,455	2,328	2,447	2,434	2,435	2,488
Nominal weekly wage (a) ..	3,015	2,878	2,926	2,860	3,002	2,913	2,946
"Real" " " (a) ..	1,170	1,172	1,257	1,169	1,233	1,196	1,184
Average weekly hours (a) ..	890	889	890	890	879	890	889
Federal metrop. basic wage (b)	223/-	212/-	207/-	211/-	214/-	214/-	216/-
State " " "	(b) 223/-	(c)	(f) 207/-	(b) 211/-	(f) 223/10	(c)	..
1952 : September Quarter—							
Retail Prices—"C" Series (a)	2,592	2,501	2,362	2,509	2,499	2,516	2,524
Nominal weekly wage (a) ..	3,141	3,010	2,941	2,995	3,097	2,995	3,054
"Real" " " (a) ..	1,212	1,204	1,245	1,194	1,239	1,190	1,210
Average weekly hours (a) ..	890	889	890	890	879	890	889
Federal metrop. basic wage (b)	235/-	224/-	213/-	224/-	222/-	222/-	227/-
State " " "	(b) 235/-	(c)	(g) 213/-	(b) 224/-	(g) 232/3	(c)	..
1952 : December Quarter—							
Retail Prices—"C" Series (a)	2,607	2,508	2,356	2,468	2,509	2,535	2,530
Nominal weekly wage (a) ..	3,174	3,059	2,985	3,061	3,173	3,079	3,102
"Real" " " (a) ..	1,217	1,220	1,267	1,240	1,265	1,215	1,226
Average weekly hours (a) ..	890	889	890	890	879	890	889
Federal metrop. basic wage (b)	237/-	228/-	216/-	229/-	228/-	230/-	231/-
State " " "	(b) 237/-	(c)	(h) 216/-	(b) 229/-	(i) 238/6	(c)	..
1953 : March Quarter—							
Retail Prices—"C" Series (a)	2,637	2,537	2,374	2,492	2,534	2,613	2,558
Nominal weekly wage (a) ..	3,185	3,070	2,985	3,030	3,178	3,192	3,110
"Real" " " (a) ..	1,208	1,210	1,257	1,216	1,254	1,222	1,216
Average weekly hours (a) ..	890	889	890	890	879	890	889
Federal metrop. basic wage (b)	238/-	229/-	215/-	225/-	229/-	232/-	231/-
State " " "	(b) 238/-	(c)	(j) 216/-	(b) 225/-	(k) 238/6	(c)	..
1953 : June Quarter—							
Federal metrop. basic wage (b)	241/-	232/-	217/-	228/-	231/-	239/-	234/-
State " " "	(b) 241/-	(c)	(l) 218/-	(h) 228/-	(m) 241/10	(c)	..

(a) Base : Weighted Average Six Capitals (Retail Prices) or Six States (Wages and Hours) Average 3 years ended June, 1939 = 1.000.
 Retail prices index-numbers are for the capital cities. (b) Payable as from the beginning of the first pay period commencing in the second month of the quarter shown. (c) None declared but Federal rates followed to a large extent. (d) Payable as from 4th February. (e) Payable as from 29th January. (f) Payable as from 28th April. (g) Payable as from 28th July. (h) Payable as from 3rd November. (i) Payable as from 27th October. (j) Payable as from 22nd January. (k) Payable as from 27th January. (l) Payable as from 4th May. (m) Payable as from 27th April.

For meaning of symbol . . . , see page 1.

PRIMARY PRODUCTION PRICE INDEXES.

The annual index-numbers shown in the following table relate to average "prices" of primary products realized in the principal markets of Australia. The "price" data used are average unit values for the total quantities of the relevant commodities produced or marketed in each year and the index-numbers therefore measure both the effects of changes in prices (as such) and of variations in the quality, type, usage, &c., of products marketed. The index-numbers for any year relate to the average values of primary products produced or marketed in that year, irrespective of the periods in which payment is received by producers.

The index-numbers shown below are the Revised Series (December, 1952) in which average quantities of each product marketed in the period 1946-47 to 1950-51 have been used as fixed weights.

The preliminary index-numbers for 1951-52 and for the current year 1952-53 are based mainly on the recorded or estimated movement in average values for the major farm products. They will be reviewed from time to time as further "price" data become available.

(Base : Average 3 years ended June, 1939 = 100.)

Year.	Farming.						Mining.(a)		
	Agriculture.	Pastoral.	Farmyard and Dairying.	All Farming.	Wool (Shorn and Dead).	Products Other than Wool.	Gold.	Other Minerals.	All Mining.
1936-37	114	115	93	109	126	104	99	98	98
1937-38	98	98	102	99	95	100	100	107	105
1938-39	88	87	105	92	79	96	101	95	97
1945-46	175	133	159	157	118	169	123	145	139
1946-47	194	181	158	186	187	185	124	169	156
1947-48	267	262	183	247	301	230	124	221	194
1948-49	234	312	197	260	366	225	124	275	232
1949-50	274	396	228	316	483	262	139	288	246
1950-51	292	815	258	502	1,099	309	178	335	291
1951-52 ^p	346	492	341	404	552	356	(b)178	475	391
1952-53 ^p	355	528	390	434	626	372			

(a) Year ended previous December.
for gold sold on oversea premium markets.

(b) Based on the price fixed by the Commonwealth Bank; no allowance has been made

For meaning of symbol p, see page 1.

SECURITY PRICE INDEXES.

In comparing movements in the two sets of index-numbers on this page, attention should be paid to differences in the methods by which they have been constructed, and in the nature of the companies and the types of shares included in each index. These are outlined in the footnotes to the table.

(Base : Average 3 years ended June, 1939 = 1,000.)

Period.	New South Wales : Ordinary Shares.(a)							Queensland : Ordinary Shares.(b)		
	23 Manufacturing and Distributing Companies.	10 Retail Companies.	8 Public Utility Companies.	5 Pastoral and Finance Companies.	5 Insurance Companies.	75 Companies (including 24 Miscellaneous).	34 Active shares in- cluded in foregoing. (c)	12 Industrials.	12 Financial and Trading.	24 Total of foregoing.
1936-37 ..	989	1,059	1,010	1,106	1,052	1,022	1,026	1,006	1,000	1,003
1937-38 ..	1,012	1,008	1,026	1,053	983	1,009	1,011	1,014	1,011	1,013
1938-39 ..	999	933	964	841	965	969	963	980	989	984
1945-46 ..	1,262	1,190	1,022	1,062	1,071	1,161	1,199	1,317	1,075	1,206
1946-47 ..	1,463	1,479	1,104	1,131	1,296	1,325	1,355	1,472	1,249	1,370
1947-48 ..	1,666	1,663	1,044	1,229	1,505	1,450	1,450	1,625	1,386	1,515
1948-49 ..	1,682	1,601	948	1,240	1,635	1,426	1,413	1,681	1,364	1,536
1949-50 ..	1,763	1,603	887	1,357	1,920	1,491	1,458	1,746	1,370	1,573
1950-51 ..	2,242	1,932	928	1,926	2,492	1,845	1,763	2,108	1,623	1,886
1951-52 ..	2,040	1,658	872	1,606	2,625	1,662	1,537	1,838	1,402	1,638
1950-51—										
May ..	2,532	2,116	1,000	2,117	2,738	2,020	1,907	2,279	1,698	2,012
June ..	2,543	2,116	944	2,075	2,824	2,025	1,889	2,320	1,709	2,040
1951-52—										
July ..	2,510	2,093	940	1,979	2,891	2,005	1,859	2,300	1,696	2,023
August ..	2,398	2,011	906	1,936	2,941	1,933	1,777	2,255	1,646	1,975
September ..	2,281	1,908	869	1,794	2,907	1,842	1,686	2,165	1,614	1,912
October ..	2,218	1,818	886	1,830	2,874	1,801	1,674	1,988	1,523	1,775
November ..	2,133	1,701	880	1,717	2,815	1,730	1,599	1,988	1,477	1,754
December ..	2,045	1,616	866	1,599	2,774	1,664	1,538	1,906	1,427	1,686
January ..	2,012	1,605	865	1,563	2,732	1,638	1,516	1,849	1,381	1,634
February ..	1,896	1,505	857	1,469	2,619	1,557	1,430	1,669	1,303	1,502
March ..	1,834	1,469	843	1,412	2,371	1,502	1,388	1,622	1,244	1,448
April ..	1,697	1,403	840	1,331	2,230	1,423	1,312	1,479	1,212	1,356
May ..	1,743	1,398	847	1,338	2,178	1,436	1,341	1,423	1,157	1,301
June ..	1,719	1,368	871	1,300	2,165	1,418	1,327	1,409	1,142	1,286
1952-53—										
July ..	1,760	1,379	870	1,370	2,127	1,434	1,366	1,419	1,163	1,301
August ..	1,756	1,386	873	1,383	2,118	1,428	1,351	1,403	1,166	1,294
September ..	1,709	1,365	883	1,361	2,108	1,398	1,321	1,391	1,126	1,269
October ..	1,705	1,317	858	1,336	2,088	1,375	1,315	1,431	1,132	1,293
November ..	1,693	1,309	857	1,297	2,114	1,367	1,309	1,461	1,133	1,310
December ..	1,698	1,298	850	1,302	2,075	1,362	1,313	1,465	1,143	1,317
January ..	1,755	1,376	854	1,342	2,058	1,401	1,364	1,529	1,193	1,375
February ..	1,751	1,418	866	1,351	2,029	1,408	1,358	1,585	1,251	1,432
March ..	1,755	1,441	864	1,343	2,006	1,412	1,347	1,570	1,254	1,424
April ..	1,733	1,411	844	1,323	1,985	1,394	1,317			
May ..	1,734	1,396	850	1,311	1,975	1,391	1,322			

(a) Compiled by the New South Wales Government Statistician. The index-numbers are based on the prices of the ordinary shares of companies (excluding banking companies) whose business is conducted wholly or largely in New South Wales. They represent unweighted averages of the mean monthly prices per £1 of paid-up capital. Adjustments are made where capital is written off or bonus shares issued. Recomputed from original base, par values. (b) Compiled by the Queensland Bureau of Industry. The index-numbers are based on the prices of the ordinary shares of 21 representative Queensland companies, and the preference shares of three companies whose ordinary shares are inactive. The index-numbers represent unweighted averages. Mean monthly values are used. Recomputed from original base, April, 1928. (c) These shares relate to leading companies and do not include bank shares or mining shares.

SUMMARY OF PRICE INDEXES.

(Base : Average 3 years ended June, 1939 = 1,000.)

Period.	Primary Production Prices.(a) (Base : Average 3 years ended June, 1939 = 100.)		Export Prices (including Gold).	Wholesale Prices (Basic Materials and Foodstuffs).			Retail Prices (Six Capital Cities) : "C" Series Index. (c)	Security Prices : New South Wales (Ordinary Shares—75 Companies).
	All Farming.	All Mining.		Goods Principally Imported. (b)	Goods Principally Home Produced.	All Groups.		
1936-37 ..	109	98	1,144	991	980	984	973	1,022
1937-38 ..	99	105	1,022	1,018	1,000	1,005	998	1,009
1938-39 ..	92	97	834	991	1,020	1,011	1,029	969
1945-46 ..	157	139	1,459	1,782	1,257	1,412	1,278	1,161
1946-47 ..	186	156	2,027	1,768	1,288	1,429	1,309	1,325
1947-48 ..	247	194	2,834	1,924	1,448	1,588	1,392	1,450
1948-49 ..	260	232	3,324	2,008	1,727	1,809	1,528	1,426
1949-50 ..	316	246	3,830	2,231	1,982	2,054	1,669	1,491
1950-51 ..	502	291	6,544	2,555	2,423	2,461	1,906	1,845
1951-52 ..	p406	p391	4,731	2,877	3,046	2,995	2,337	1,662
1951-52—								
July ..	..	..	5,441	2,712	2,886	2,834	2,191	2,005
August ..	..	..	4,684	2,745	3,038	2,950		1,933
September ..	..	..	4,445	2,758	2,971	2,906	2,303	1,842
October ..	..	..	5,321	2,823	2,908	2,882		1,801
November ..	..	..	4,918	2,891	2,902	2,899	2,366	1,730
December ..	..	..	4,842	2,859	2,974	2,940		1,664
January ..	..	..	4,768	2,859	2,941	2,916	2,488	1,638
February ..	..	..	4,560	2,948	3,073	3,035		1,557
March ..	..	..	4,271	2,949	3,131	3,076	2,558	1,502
April ..	..	..	4,324	2,962	3,182	3,116		1,423
May ..	..	..	4,568	3,008	3,252	3,179	2,558	1,436
June ..	..	..	4,626	3,007	3,297	3,210		1,418
1952-53—								
July ..	..	..	4,650	3,015	3,373	3,266	2,524	1,434
August ..	..	..	4,649	2,938	3,381	3,250		1,428
September ..	..	..	4,574	2,937	3,325	3,210	2,530	1,398
October ..	..	..	4,694	2,949	3,223	3,141		1,375
November ..	..	..	4,687	2,940	3,206	3,127	2,558	1,367
December ..	..	..	4,853	2,955	3,294	3,193		1,362
January ..	..	..	4,854	2,947	3,269	3,173	2,558	1,401
February ..	..	..	4,862	2,867	3,272	3,152		1,408
March ..	..	..	4,989	2,875	3,278	3,157	2,558	1,412
April ..	..	..	5,025	2,859	3,358	3,210		1,394
May ..	..	..						1,391

(a) See note at head of page 24. (b) Represents only such imported commodities as are included in the wholesale price index. This index does not measure changes in price of imports generally. (c) Covers Food and Groceries, House Rent, Clothing and Miscellaneous Items.

For meaning of symbols .., p, see page 1.

BUILDING PERMITS : SIX CAPITAL CITIES AND SUBURBS.

(As granted by Local Government Authorities. Excludes Government Buildings except as indicated in note (a), page 29.)

Period.	New Dwellings.		Other New Buildings.		Total New Buildings.		Alterations and Additions.	Total.
	Number.	Value.	Number.	Value.	Number.	Value.	Value.	Value.
		£'000.		£'000.		£'000.	£'000.	£'000.
Monthly Average—								
1936-37 (a) ..	1,122	1,104	154	474	1,276	1,578	408	1,986
1937-38 (a) ..	1,394	1,413	147	472	1,541	1,885	422	2,307
1938-39 (a) ..	1,463	1,509	137	424	1,600	1,933	420	2,353
1945-46 (a) ..	1,531	1,635	107	156	1,638	1,791	399	2,190
1946-47 ..	2,209	2,976	156	512	2,365	3,488	596	4,084
1947-48 ..	2,381	3,649	124	453	2,505	4,102	585	4,687
1948-49 ..	2,621	4,457	110	440	2,731	4,897	680	5,577
1949-50 ..	3,045	5,770	113	460	3,158	6,230	899	7,129
1950-51 ..	3,558	7,857	151	1,062	3,709	8,919	1,507	10,426
1951-52 ..	2,736	6,703	165	1,270	2,901	7,973	1,727	9,700
Monthly Total—								
1950-51—								
April ..	3,952	9,163	186	2,126	4,138	11,289	1,790	13,079
May ..	3,836	9,167	155	1,642	3,991	10,809	2,133	12,942
June ..	3,801	9,198	140	707	3,941	9,905	1,928	11,833
1951-52—								
July ..	3,676	8,711	193	1,269	3,869	9,980	1,812	11,792
August ..	3,780	9,545	185	1,076	3,965	10,621	2,285	12,906
September ..	2,955	6,946	200	1,818	3,155	8,764	1,423	10,187
October ..	3,199	8,295	157	981	3,356	9,276	1,908	11,184
November ..	2,748	6,686	162	1,008	2,910	7,694	1,690	9,384
December ..	1,752	4,280	105	1,823	1,857	6,103	1,685	7,788
January ..	2,148	5,266	123	1,090	2,271	6,356	1,256	7,612
February ..	2,369	5,655	170	1,260	2,539	6,915	1,372	8,287
March ..	2,591	6,187	146	926	2,737	7,113	1,736	8,849
April ..	2,191	5,733	163	946	2,354	6,679	1,914	8,593
May ..	2,326	5,729	182	1,513	2,508	7,242	2,064	9,306
June ..	3,098	7,402	197	1,534	3,295	8,936	1,574	10,510
1952-53—								
July ..	2,364	5,835	242	1,146	2,606	6,981	1,563	8,544
August ..	2,128	5,209	371	1,646	2,499	6,855	1,878	8,733
September ..	3,250	7,576	344	2,038	3,594	9,614	2,242	11,856
October ..	2,407	6,015	442	2,064	2,849	8,079	1,832	9,911
November ..	2,307	5,931	226	1,741	2,533	7,672	1,645	9,317
December ..	2,118	5,403	226	1,201	2,344	6,604	1,655	8,259
January ..	2,025	5,067	188	1,247	2,213	6,314	1,293	7,607
February ..	2,577	6,823	297	1,613	2,874	8,436	1,867	10,303
March ..	r2,703	7,289	303	1,311	r3,006	8,600	2,378	10,978

(a) Excludes suburbs of Hobart.

NOTE.—Building controls under National Security (Building Control) Regulations operated from 5th December, 1940, becoming most stringent in 1942, when consent was required for all building other than alterations and additions costing less than £25. These controls were progressively relaxed after 1945 and have now virtually ceased to exist, except for minor restrictions in Victoria and Western Australia. For more detailed notes see earlier issues of this publication.

The "value of permits" shown above relates to the value of building permits issued by local government authorities and not to approvals granted under the Regulations.

For meaning of symbol r, see page 1.

BUILDING OPERATIONS : METROPOLITAN AND PROVINCIAL.

(Figures for Government Buildings relate to contracts let or day-labour work commenced. Figures for Private Buildings relate only to Permits issued by Local Government Authorities. Alterations and additions are included.)

(£'000.)

Period.	Australia.(a)			New South Wales.			Victoria.		
	Government.	Private.		Government. (b)	Private.		Government.	Private.	
	Common-wealth and State.	Six Capital Cities and Suburbs.	Other recorded areas.	Common-wealth and State.	Sydney and Suburbs.	Other recorded areas. See note A.	Common-wealth and State.	Melbourne and Suburbs.	Other recorded areas. See note B.
Monthly Average—									
1936-37 ..	n.a.	(c)1,986	(d)627	n.a.	848	416	n.a.	667	62
1937-38 ..	n.a.	(c)2,307	(d)764	n.a.	1,093	506	n.a.	669	78
1938-39 ..	408	(c)2,353	(d)755	187	1,111	495	107	702	63
1945-46 ..	1,057	(c)2,190	1,147	540	943	808	381	592	61
1946-47 ..	1,248	4,084	(e)1,991	633	1,768	1,301	371	1,195	91
1947-48 ..	2,009	4,687	(f)3,151	1,044	1,705	(g)1,985	545	1,650	126
1948-49 ..	1,992	5,577	3,832	904	2,089	2,432	675	1,804	211
1949-50 ..	2,751	7,129	4,863	985	2,625	3,101	1,067	2,218	217
1950-51 ..	r4,348	10,426	(h)8,568	1,964	3,610	4,519	1,428	3,187	(i) 2,031
1951-52 ..	3,631	9,700	7,877	1,603	2,679	3,717	960	2,831	1,947
1950-51—									
March Qtr.	r4,510	10,187	8,538	2,071	3,732	4,718	1,503	2,986	1,898
June ..	4,981	12,618	10,128	1,850	4,194	5,133	1,797	3,855	2,542
1951-52—									
September ..	4,443	11,628	9,673	2,397	3,456	4,907	926	3,571	2,335
December ..	3,400	9,452	7,757	1,357	2,820	3,612	946	2,856	1,840
March ..	3,096	8,249	6,706	1,193	2,120	2,859	960	2,380	1,817
June ..	3,589	9,469	7,371	1,466	2,320	3,490	1,011	2,517	1,794
1952-53—									
September ..	2,218	9,711	6,888	772	2,270	3,197	780	2,946	1,653
December ..	3,549	9,162	7,497	494	2,646	3,232	r2,242	2,757	2,255
March ..		9,629		1,334	2,703	3,504	660	2,769	1,626
Monthly Total—									
1952-53—									
January ..	n.a.	7,607	n.a.	868	1,944	3,139	658	2,225	1,177
February ..	n.a.	10,303	n.a.	1,789	2,937	3,353	534	2,904	1,902
March ..	n.a.	10,978	n.a.	1,345	3,228	4,030	789	3,177	1,798
April ..	n.a.		n.a.				823	2,853	

(a) See note (a) on page 29. (b) Includes Australian Capital Territory. (c) Excludes suburbs of Hobart.
 (d) Incomplete, excludes Western Australia. (e) See E and F, page 29. (f) See A. below and C, page 29. (g) Includes all areas outside Sydney and suburbs from September quarter, 1947. See A below. (h) See B below. (i) Includes all areas outside Melbourne and suburbs from September quarter, 1950.

NOTES.

A. Includes 129 Country Towns and seven Shires near Sydney to June quarter, 1947, thereafter all areas outside Sydney and suburbs.
 B. Includes the Cities of Ballarat, Bendigo, Geelong, Geelong West, Horsham, Mildura, Newtown and Chilwell, Sale, Shepparton and Warrnambool to June quarter, 1950, thereafter all areas outside Melbourne and suburbs.

For meaning of symbols n.a., r, —, see page 1.

BUILDING OPERATIONS : METROPOLITAN AND PROVINCIAL—continued.

(Figures for Private Buildings relate only to Permits issued by Local Government Authorities.)
(£'000.)

Period.	Queensland.			South Australia.			Western Australia.			Tasmania.		
	Government.	Private.(a)		Government.(b)	Private.(a)		Government.	Private.(a)		Government.	Private.(a)	
	Common-wealth and State.	Brisbane and Suburbs.	Other recorded areas. See note C.	Common-wealth and State.	Adelaide and Suburbs.	Other recorded areas. See note D.	Common-wealth and State.	Perth and Suburbs.	Other recorded areas. See note E.	Common-wealth and State.	Hobart and Suburbs.	Other recorded areas. See note F.
Monthly Average—												
1936-37 ..	n.a.	153	98	n.a.	118	32	n.a.	168	n.a.	n.a.	32	19
1937-38 ..	n.a.	167	114	n.a.	173	48	n.a.	174	n.a.	n.a.	31	18
1938-39 ...	34	171	118	22	192	63	38	145	n.a.	20	32	16
1945-46 ..	34	241	193	46	260	51	39	129	18	17	25	16
1946-47 ..	78	455	290	57	379	105	77	187	(c)60	32	(d) 100	(e)144
1947-48 ..	141	557	(f)692	132	418	91	115	238	60	32	119	197
1948-49 ..	116	610	721	105	564	132	145	338	70	47	172	266
1949-50 ..	198	827	868	217	727	188	197	499	111	87	233	378
1950-51 ..	357	1,106	1,061	216	1,174	215	r270	1,027	274	113	322	468
1951-52 ..	228	1,426	1,107	377	1,386	265	379	1,120	347	84	258	494
1950-51—												
March Qtr.	382	1,294	1,094	194	1,008	185	r276	931	261	84	236	382
June ..	644	1,140	1,196	231	1,604	289	337	1,426	376	122	399	592
1951-52—												
Sept. ..	181	1,700	1,219	482	1,096	227	348	1,479	406	109	326	579
Dec. ..	329	1,319	1,109	272	1,093	291	451	1,088	336	45	276	569
March ..	133	1,292	1,093	326	1,313	239	321	904	299	163	240	399
June ..	271	1,391	1,007	426	2,044	304	395	1,007	349	20	190	427
1952-53—												
Sept. ..	230	1,862	1,106	179	1,370	313	241	966	285	16	297	334
Dec. ..	302	1,089	1,100	236	1,215	327	260	1,207	306	15	248	277
March ..		1,415			1,394			1,091	330	33	257	353
Monthly Total—												
1952-53—												
January ..	n.a.	1,452		n.a.	899	n.a.	n.a.	903	283	1	184	206
February ..	n.a.	1,296		n.a.	1,622	n.a.	n.a.	1,205	359	64	339	439
March ..	n.a.	1,498		n.a.	1,662	n.a.	n.a.	1,166	350	33	247	427
April ..	n.a.	883		n.a.	1,538	n.a.	n.a.	1,135	368			

(a) Includes buildings erected under government home building schemes where permits obtained from local government authorities.
(b) Includes Northern Territory. (c) Includes 86 country local authorities from September quarter, 1946. See E below. (d) Previously Hobart city area only. From September quarter, 1946, includes Hobart and suburbs. (e) Includes all areas outside Hobart and suburbs from September quarter, 1946. See F below. (f) Includes all areas outside Brisbane and suburbs from September quarter, 1947. See C below.

NOTES.

C. Includes the Cities of Bundaberg, Cairns, Charters Towers, Gympie, Ipswich, Mackay, Maryborough, Rockhampton, Toowoomba, Townsville and Warwick, and the Towns of Bowen, Charleville, Dalby, Innisfail, Longreach, Redcliffe, Roma, Southport, and Stanthorpe to June quarter, 1947, thereafter all areas outside Brisbane and suburbs.

D. Includes Local Government areas, and estimate for unincorporated areas.

E. Includes 15 country local authorities, representing approximately 30 per cent. of provincial population to June quarter, 1946. Thereafter includes 86 country local authorities, representing approximately 86 per cent. of provincial population.

F. Launceston only to June quarter, 1946, thereafter all areas outside Hobart and suburbs.

For meaning of symbols n.a., r, —, see page 1.

VALUE (WHEN COMPLETED) OF NEW BUILDINGS.

(Including Estimated Value of Owner-built Houses.)
(£'000.)

Period.	Commenced.			Completed.			Under Construction at end of period.		
	Houses.	Other.	Total.	Houses.	Other.	Total.	Houses.	Other.	Total.
Quarterly Average—									
1945-46.. ..	n.a.	n.a.	n.a.	3,615	1,758	5,373	23,580	9,806	33,386
1946-47.. ..	13,740	4,148	17,888	8,924	1,578	10,502	44,745	21,255	66,000
1947-48.. ..	17,900	5,138	23,038	13,307	2,389	15,696	66,509	33,588	100,097
1948-49.. ..	22,277	6,940	29,217	18,331	3,932	22,263	86,832	49,135	135,967
1949-50.. ..	27,516	8,014	35,530	22,446	5,251	27,697	115,714	61,189	176,903
1950-51p ..	40,478	14,615	55,093	31,222	6,258	37,480	162,481	91,632	254,113
1951-52p ..	44,955	16,224	61,179	43,086	10,875	53,961	190,269	125,534	315,803
Quarterly Total—									
1950-51—									
Dec. Qtr. ..	39,021	13,801	52,822	33,327	6,038	39,365	136,208	77,515	213,723
March	39,284	14,273	53,557	28,909	5,342	34,251	152,942	83,597	236,539
June .., p ..	46,500	18,728	65,228	34,659	7,654	42,313	162,481	91,632	254,113
1951-52p—									
Sept.	49,098	16,245	65,343	38,149	9,217	47,366	179,939	104,823	284,762
Dec.	46,656	15,473	62,129	45,348	9,560	54,908	185,573	113,271	298,844
March	43,190	15,122	58,312	41,505	10,753	52,258	192,867	118,564	311,431
June	40,879	18,054	58,933	47,340	13,973	61,313	190,269	125,534	315,803
1952-53p—									
Sept.	37,145	13,091	50,236	48,446	16,882	65,328	183,116	124,545	307,661
Dec.	36,170	10,070	46,240	49,456	17,956	67,412	170,686	118,472	289,158

VALUE OF NEW BUILDINGS COMPLETED.

(Including Estimated Value of Owner-built Houses.)
(£'000.)

Period.	New South Wales.	Victoria.	Queensland.	South Australia.	Western Australia.	Tasmania.	Australian Capital Territory.	Total.
Quarterly Average—								
1945-46.. ..	2,326	1,368	830	420	244	157	28	5,373
1946-47.. ..	4,274	2,767	1,814	686	529	354	78	10,502
1947-48.. ..	6,076	4,473	2,598	1,020	832	570	127	15,696
1948-49.. ..	8,434	6,839	3,050	1,621	1,177	953	189	22,263
1949-50.. ..	10,230	8,671	3,488	2,268	1,338	1,336	366	27,697
1950-51	p12,367	13,014	4,322	3,010	2,237	2,101	429	p37,480
1951-52.. ..	p19,007	17,154	6,335	4,551	3,606	2,628	680	p53,961
Quarterly Total—								
1950-51—								
March Qtr. ..	11,372	11,862	4,201	2,434	2,053	2,071	258	34,251
June	p13,769	15,063	4,519	3,540	2,521	2,334	567	p42,313
1951-52—	p							p
Sept.	14,850	16,548	5,618	4,044	2,940	2,780	586	47,366
Dec.	18,125	18,257	6,200	4,693	3,735	3,338	560	54,908
March	20,343	15,014	6,485	4,197	3,466	1,961	792	52,258
June	22,710	18,796	7,036	5,269	4,285	2,432	785	61,313
1952-53—	p							p
Sept.	22,427	21,047	6,252	6,232	5,735	2,867	768	65,328
Dec.	24,604	18,943	6,892	6,860	6,448	2,700	965	67,412
March	25,760		6,000	6,483	4,876		493	

For meaning of symbols n.a., p, see page 1.

NUMBER OF NEW HOUSES.

(Including Owner-built Houses.)

Period.	New South Wales.	Victoria.	Queensland.	South Australia.	Western Australia.	Tasmania.	Australian Capital Territory.	Total.
COMMENCED.								
Quarterly Average—								
1946-47.. ..	4,430	3,245	2,231	817	601	411	81	11,816
1947-48.. ..	4,952	3,870	2,382	895	768	516	98	13,481
1948-49.. ..	5,323	4,122	2,340	1,140	961	712	134	14,732
1949-50.. ..	5,514	4,911	2,502	1,527	1,258	916	97	16,725
1950-51.. ..	p6,292	6,737	2,675	1,991	1,742	1,030	219	p20,686
1951-52.. ..	p6,091	5,877	3,000	2,128	1,932	896	78	p20,002
Quarterly Total—								
1950-51—Mar. Qtr.	6,166	6,010	2,577	1,741	1,969	1,031	228	19,722
June ..	p6,802	6,936	2,967	2,083	1,788	1,086	364	p22,026
1951-52—Sept. ..	p6,367	7,103	3,423	2,096	2,138	1,098	81	p22,306
Dec. ..	p6,323	6,410	2,981	1,998	2,039	1,016	64	p20,831
Mar. ..	p5,892	5,294	2,919	2,205	1,828	787	93	p19,018
June ..	p5,782	4,699	2,677	2,211	1,725	684	74	p17,852
1952-53—Sept. ..	p4,496	3,623	2,929	2,321	1,674	574	83	p15,700
Dec. ..	p5,210	3,624	2,070	1,865	1,736	492	178	p15,175
Mar. ..	p5,203		2,117	1,729	1,842		185	
COMPLETED.								
Quarterly Average—								
1946-47.. ..	3,047	1,858	1,937	557	448	268	37	8,152
1947-48.. ..	3,715	2,962	2,300	752	693	386	68	10,876
1948-49.. ..	4,466	3,570	2,338	997	811	572	81	12,835
1949-50.. ..	4,692	3,902	2,362	1,226	877	713	101	13,873
1950-51.. ..	p4,943	5,290	2,569	1,680	1,290	979	144	p16,895
1951-52.. ..	p5,818	5,988	2,951	1,928	1,644	1,000	146	p19,475
Quarterly Total—								
1950-51—Mar. Qtr.	4,417	4,689	2,449	1,389	1,174	966	74	15,158
June ..	p4,891	5,758	2,557	1,815	1,356	1,040	143	p17,560
1951-52—Sept. ..	p5,030	6,151	2,878	1,768	1,380	1,071	135	p18,413
Dec. ..	p6,041	6,513	3,008	1,964	1,821	1,336	154	p20,837
Mar. ..	p6,080	5,231	3,049	1,754	1,477	705	121	p18,417
June ..	p6,122	6,056	2,868	2,225	1,899	887	174	p20,231
1952-53—Sept. ..	p6,318	5,675	2,836	2,352	2,040	909	131	p20,261
Dec. ..	p6,038	5,564	2,663	2,476	2,314	983	213	p20,251
Mar. ..	p6,167		2,473	2,071	1,630		105	
UNDER CONSTRUCTION AT END OF PERIOD.								
1946-47	14,737	11,680	3,627	2,654	1,521	1,557	368	36,144
1947-48	19,686	15,312	3,951	3,203	1,841	2,065	491	46,549
1948-49	23,113	17,521	3,958	3,940	2,439	2,575	696	54,242
1949-50	26,402	21,553	4,520	5,241	3,957	3,357	678	65,708
1950-51	p31,793	27,341	4,943	6,529	5,764	3,558	981	p80,909
1951-52	p32,884	26,896	5,140	7,395	6,917	3,143	708	p83,083
Quarterly Total—								
1950-51—Mar. Qtr.	29,882	26,163	4,533	6,259	5,332	3,512	760	76,441
June ..	p31,793	27,341	4,943	6,529	5,764	3,558	981	p80,909
1951-52—Sept. ..	p33,130	28,293	5,488	6,875	6,522	3,584	927	p84,819
Dec. ..	p33,412	28,190	5,461	6,938	6,740	3,264	836	p84,841
Mar. ..	p33,224	28,253	5,331	7,411	7,091	3,346	808	p85,464
June ..	p32,884	26,896	5,140	7,395	6,917	3,143	708	p83,083
1952-53—Sept. ..	p31,062	24,844	5,233	7,384	6,551	2,808	660	p78,542
Dec. ..	p30,234	22,889	4,640	6,786	5,973	2,317	626	p73,465
Mar. ..	p29,270		4,279	6,440	6,185		706	

For meaning of symbol p, see page 1.

PRODUCTION OF COAL, ENERGY AND METALS.

Period.	Black Coal.			Brown Coal.	Gold, (Mine Pro- duction). (a)	Heat, Light and Power.		Metals.				
	Under- ground.	Open Cut.	Total.			Gas made in Gas- works.	Total Elec- tricity Gener- ated.	Pig-iron.	Ingot Steel.	Zinc, Refined.	Lead, Refined and Lead in Lead Bullion. (b)	Copper, Refined. (b)
	'000 Tons.	'000 Tons.	'000 Tons.	'000 Tons.	'000 fine oz.	Million cubic feet.	Million kWh.	'000 Tons.	'000 Tons.	Tons.	Tons.	Tons.
Monthly												
Average—												
1936-37 ..	n.a.	n.a.	977	258	108.2	1,679	331	76.1	90.0	5,840	17,562	1,280
1937-38 ..	n.a.	n.a.	990	300	123.3	1,746	363	77.5	97.2	5,810	18,797	1,437
1938-39 ..	n.a.	n.a.	1,051	267	135.1	1,789	391	92.1	97.5	5,819	19,416	1,457
1945-46 ..	n.a.	n.a.	1,052	461	57.8	2,663	576	75.5	88.5	6,705	12,590	1,774
1946-47 ..	n.a.	n.a.	1,178	490	77.2	2,784	627	95.3	109.4	5,852	14,693	1,812
1947-48 ..	n.a.	n.a.	1,231	535	75.5	3,025	697	103.0	112.1	5,784	14,497	1,290
1948-49 ..	1,066	178	1,244	586	74.9	3,061	754	87.1	98.2	6,298	17,017	939
1949-50 ..	1,039	204	1,243	636	71.6	2,908	792	91.5	101.5	6,981	15,784	968
1950-51 ..	1,124	245	1,369	608	74.3	3,075	875	109.4	120.3	6,478	15,682	936
1951-52 p ..	1,244	354	1,598	675	75.7	3,354	942	119.1	127.4	7,011	15,790	1,375
Monthly												
Total—												
1950-51—												
May ..	1,184	342	1,526	703	74.5	3,408	927	111.6	118.6	5,890	17,148	2,224
June ..	1,218	266	1,484	697	66.8	3,513	923	107.0	117.9	5,705	15,993	759
1951-52 p—												
July ..	1,345	307	1,652	721	57.5	3,393	997	106.7	114.7	6,696	19,172	1,850
August ..	1,381	358	1,739	715	77.4	3,793	1,004	124.6	141.5	6,094	15,507	1,695
September	1,244	327	1,571	675	82.1	3,481	912	120.6	135.3	5,927	15,389	1,170
October ..	1,416	439	1,855	708	79.0	3,442	948	121.5	126.7	6,903	15,452	1,241
November	1,355	404	1,759	668	80.7	3,201	936	127.3	139.2	7,181	15,001	1,241
December	998	319	1,317	550	75.9	3,150	871	128.1	137.1	7,411	19,492	720
January ..	800	261	1,061	641	68.5	3,004	884	129.8	140.1	7,296	16,491	1,437
February	1,277	376	1,653	655	75.2	2,992	905	119.4	128.6	6,844	14,604	677
March ..	1,336	407	1,743	730	72.1	3,212	952	128.1	137.6	7,393	14,427	1,050
April ..	1,218	351	1,569	649	79.4	3,203	914	119.8	118.2	7,429	15,521	1,511
May ..	1,346	380	1,726	701	77.5	3,643	992	96.7	92.1	7,729	17,904	1,387
June ..	1,224	313	1,537	684	83.6	3,730	988	93.0	99.7	7,225	10,523	2,521
1952-53 p—												
July ..	1,511	375	1,886	728	93.8	4,068	1,082	122.3	147.2	7,269	19,014	788
August ..	1,296	278	1,574	717	69.6	3,855	1,039	133.2	153.1	7,315	19,854	1,633
September	1,430	385	1,815	655	80.9	3,528	992	150.4	152.1	7,072	18,696	1,077
October ..	1,508	358	1,866	667	101.6	3,473	1,018	157.8	166.0	7,338	18,698	1,788
November	1,322	323	1,645	680	82.9	3,271	965	144.2	154.5	7,116	18,729	2,250
December	1,077	270	1,347	596	97.1	3,206	972	140.7	153.8	7,420	12,843	976
January ..	896	184	1,080	620	81.6	3,011	939	134.3	157.1	7,368	3,202	348
February	1,290	266	1,556	646	79.3	2,861	932	133.9	145.1	6,715	8,085	1,520
March ..			1,570	676	88.7	3,221	1,052	164.9	164.7	7,422	19,572	1,179
April ..			1,429	680		3,217		158.2	158.8	7,111		
May ..			1,396							7,324		

(a) Gold content of minerals produced in Australia.

(b) Source Australian Mines and Metals Association.

For meaning of symbols n.a., r, p, see page 1.

PRODUCTION OF BUILDING MATERIALS AND HOUSEHOLD APPLIANCES.

Period.	Building Materials.							Cooking Stoves.			Domestic Refrigerators.
	Clay Bricks.	Roofing Tiles.		Cement Building Sheets.	Sawn Native Timber. (a)	Portland Cement.	Fibrous Plaster Sheets.	Solid Fuel. (b)	Gas.(b)	Electric. (c)	
		Terra-cotta.	Cement.								
	Million.	'000.	'000.	'000 sq. yds. (d)	Million sup. ft.	'000 tons.	'000 sq. yds.	No.	No.	No.	No.
Monthly Average—											
1936-37 ..	53.1	2,630	326	522	53.6	60.0	567	n.a.	n.a.	n.a.	n.a.
1937-38 ..	57.4	3,023	430	678	62.2	71.0	619	4,562	3,481	749	1,257
1938-39 ..	60.0	3,307	374	791	59.8	72.3	634	4,538	3,894	730	2,458
1945-46 ..	25.4	1,961	203	1,322	74.2	60.3	451	3,864	1,839	(e) 688	3,384
1946-47 ..	41.4	3,118	561	1,610	87.3	73.5	755	3,629	2,264	894	5,711
1947-48 ..	48.2	3,483	1,689	1,641	93.1	84.4	977	4,438	3,309	2,532	9,362
1948-49 ..	51.4	3,680	2,358	1,547	98.7	86.0	1,103	5,120	4,130	3,494	12,134
1949-50 ..	50.3	3,785	3,387	1,529	101.9	97.3	1,105	5,155	3,892	2,865	13,528
1950-51 ..	57.3	3,918	4,230	1,771	105.1	102.9	1,265	r6,251	r4,613	3,733	16,994
1951-52p ..	56.9	4,128	5,257	1,944	117.5	105.0	1,306	6,055	4,328	4,305	15,999
Monthly Total—											
1950-51—											
April ..	59.0	3,972	4,345	1,790	113.1	109.4	1,269	6,266	5,045	3,631	16,123
May ..	64.4	4,156	4,922	2,024	124.5	120.0	1,330	7,230	6,200	4,152	17,858
June ..	56.7	3,742	4,740	1,971	118.3	105.4	1,278	6,411	4,571	3,780	18,213
1951-52p—					(f)		(f)				
July ..	56.8	3,710	5,130	2,083	108.0	107.8	1,345	6,685	5,132	4,679	19,628
August ..	64.8	4,187	5,415	1,696	126.1	91.3	1,389	6,887	5,790	4,741	20,553
September ..	57.7	4,021	5,419	2,041	122.4	98.7	1,341	6,438	4,804	4,847	18,967
October..	64.2	4,684	5,832	2,033	127.4	122.0	1,464	7,216	5,502	5,014	20,643
November ..	62.2	4,291	5,863	2,013	131.1	116.8	1,389	7,453	5,313	6,732	21,693
December ..	44.7	3,299	4,730	1,685	111.6	78.7	1,037	5,668	3,288	3,397	14,235
January ..	44.3	3,138	4,540	1,298	105.9	71.4	1,045	4,697	3,568	3,201	12,642
February ..	60.0	4,342	5,587	2,079	115.2	110.8	1,371	5,938	4,189	4,436	17,241
March ..	58.1	4,364	5,365	2,234	121.4	117.1	1,369	5,750	4,155	4,418	12,686
April ..	54.6	4,429	5,032	1,826	103.5	105.8	1,245	5,095	3,059	3,601	12,148
May ..	61.0	4,526	5,294	2,324	117.6	126.2	1,384	5,497	4,462	3,576	11,952
June ..	54.0	4,541	4,883	2,014	120.2	113.6	1,292	5,334	2,673	3,016	9,597
1952-53p—				r							
July ..	59.9	4,874	4,652	2,077	116.9	100.2	1,325	6,037	2,762	2,409	9,202
August ..	53.0	4,435	4,167	2,123	110.2	101.5	1,388	4,560	2,315	1,504	8,362
September ..	56.2	5,132	4,171	1,969	106.5	124.0	1,478	3,862	2,782	1,635	12,193
October..	57.7	5,293	4,585	2,150	124.7	126.8	1,487	4,407	2,972	2,052	17,833
November ..	53.0	4,775	4,310	2,504	110.5	126.9	1,369	3,528	3,064	1,564	21,755
December ..	46.0	4,126	3,110	1,418	110.5	111.4	1,151	3,026	2,289	1,431	21,293
January ..	41.3	3,473	r2,727	1,490	84.0	99.7	1,082	2,537	2,301	1,200	16,803
February ..	54.5	4,575	r3,749	2,215	93.7	106.7	1,358	3,434	3,123	1,625	17,782
March ..	60.8	5,057	3,810	2,065		128.4	1,450	3,698	3,290	2,213	13,481
April ..						135.9		3,746	3,125	2,310	11,618

(a) Includes sawn sleepers. (b) Household, commercial and industrial cooking stoves to 1947-48—thereafter household cooking stoves only.
(c) Household, commercial and industrial cooking stoves, ranges, stovettes and cookers to 1944-45—thereafter household cooking stoves only.
(d) In terms of '000 standard square yards to 1944-45, thereafter in terms of '000 selling square yards. A standard square yard contains a given volume of sheet; a selling square yard represents the area covered by the finished sheet regardless of its thickness or corrugation. (e) Average of six months' production. (f) Partly estimated.

For meaning of symbols r, p, —, see page 1.

PRODUCTION OF TEXTILES AND CLOTHING.

Period.	Cotton Textiles.		Pure Rayon Fabrics.	Wool Textiles. Produced by Wool Scourers and Woollen Mills.			Boots and Shoes (not rubber).	Shirts (other than Knitted), Men's and Boys'.
	Cotton Yarn.	Cotton Woven Textiles (excl. Towels and Towelling).		Scoured Wool.(a)	Yarn.	Woven Cloth.		
	'000 lb.	'000 sq. yds.	'000 sq. yds.	Million lb.	Million lb.	Million sq. yds.	'000 pairs.	'000 doz.
Monthly Average—								
1936-37.. ..	730	n.a.	n.a.	8.4	2.14	2.04	1,208	60.6
1937-38.. ..	965	n.a.	n.a.	7.9	2.51	2.47	1,176	69.1
1938-39.. ..	974	n.a.	n.a.	8.8	2.71	2.65	1,164	56.2
1945-46.. ..	2,045	n.a.	n.a.	12.8	3.97	2.90	1,170	52.8
1946-47.. ..	2,257	2,117	n.a.	15.3	4.13	3.18	1,306	58.3
1947-48.. ..	2,368	1,960	369.2	14.8	4.28	3.42	1,351	65.8
1948-49.. ..	2,290	2,133	475.5	13.5	4.24	3.40	1,287	71.3
1949-50.. ..	2,519	2,399	548.5	14.4	4.09	3.09	1,284	73.7
1950-51.. ..	r2,942	r2,584	905.0	12.7	r3.91	r3.20	1,363	83.8
1951-52 p ..	2,916	2,795	913.7	9.9	3.08	2.46	1,383	81.0
Monthly Total—								
1950-51—								
April	2,917	2,559	985.4	13.0	3.71	3.19	1,369	77.1
May	3,547	2,713	1,025.9	13.8	4.26	3.35	1,519	94.5
June	3,049	2,680	968.0	14.2	4.23	3.25	1,477	87.8
1951-52 p—								
July	3,441	2,972	1,192.9	11.5	4.09	3.09	1,545	90.1
August	3,487	3,192	1,280.8	10.5	4.43	3.22	1,622	107.2
September ..	3,192	2,874	982.4	8.7	4.14	3.17	1,506	87.5
October	3,583	3,138	1,062.6	10.7	4.36	3.16	1,636	106.2
November ..	3,524	3,047	1,049.7	10.4	3.69	2.85	1,564	107.2
December ..	2,373	2,084	558.0	8.1	2.35	1.93	1,042	80.2
January	2,279	2,183	789.0	8.7	2.08	1.81	988	54.6
February ..	2,862	2,949	947.1	9.8	2.67	2.49	r1,376	82.3
March	2,743	2,920	815.3	10.1	2.53	2.30	r1,401	68.5
April	2,577	2,720	719.4	9.2	1.97	1.77	r1,221	64.5
May	2,426	2,730	799.5	10.6	2.35	1.93	r1,389	65.6
June	2,504	2,733	768.1	10.6	2.30	1.74	r1,307	58.8
1952-53 p—								
July	2,705	2,715	1,047.6	10.1	2.28	1.70	1,473	73.6
August	2,253	1,949	1,102.8	8.2	2.43	1.76	r1,379	64.0
September ..	2,397	2,041	1,100.0	7.7	2.52	2.05	1,411	65.3
October	2,555	2,172	1,341.9	9.9	2.74	2.42	1,465	72.5
November ..	2,153	1,841	1,278.1	10.0	2.87	2.57	1,349	65.9
December ..	1,789	1,552	966.7	9.6	2.54	2.05	1,081	52.1
January	1,415	1,271	901.3	8.0	2.00	1.74	804	27.1
February ..	2,104	1,855	1,308.6	10.3	r3.25	2.81	1,294	53.5
March	2,434	1,847	1,395.9	11.6	3.51	2.99	1,410	49.4
April	2,543	2,095	1,608.3	11.5	3.59	2.79	1,392	52.8

(a) Includes carbonized wool.

For meaning of symbols n.a., r, p, see page 1.

PRODUCTION OF TEXTILES AND CLOTHING—continued.

Period.	Knitted Goods—Made in Knitting Mills.					
	Hosiery.			Knitted Underwear.		
	Men's and Boys'.	Women's, Maids' and Girls'.	Children's.	Men's.	Women's. (a)	Boys' and Girls'.
	'000 doz. pairs.	'000 doz. pairs.	'000 doz. pairs.	'000 doz.	'000 doz.	'000 doz.
Monthly Average—						
1936-37	83.1	157.1	49.1		153.8	
1937-38	86.7	183.7	52.0		178.5	
1938-39	91.9	178.0	51.0		176.8	
1945-46	95.7	99.6	45.4	41.5	91.2	30.0
1946-47	106.4	121.6	43.0	49.3	103.0	36.1
1947-48	105.4	130.6	59.8	52.3	110.7	40.9
1948-49	106.3	128.0	58.8	55.6	105.7	36.4
1949-50	99.3	142.4	54.7	71.9	103.4	47.7
1950-51	r130.3	r154.8	r46.9	64.5	126.7	66.3
1951-52 p	118.2	153.0	43.2	64.6	127.0	50.4
Monthly Total —						
1950-51—						
April	139.8	160.0	55.1	66.6	139.1	69.9
May	146.3	173.2	63.1	76.0	144.2	79.1
June	136.0	172.4	54.2	74.9	139.2	69.0
1951-52 p—						
July	150.3	183.1	54.1	78.5	144.1	58.0
August	157.9	185.0	59.5	89.8	156.5	77.5
September	145.4	173.6	49.0	79.2	149.0	62.2
October	163.5	197.6	57.4	91.3	168.7	79.4
November	132.9	169.5	49.3	77.0	156.7	60.4
December	102.8	121.8	35.6	54.0	106.5	38.1
January	69.8	106.4	36.5	44.1	83.0	33.5
February	109.1	143.8	36.0	56.5	131.6	47.2
March	99.2	133.2	36.7	54.8	118.4	39.2
April	85.0	116.1	31.0	50.0	104.8	32.2
May	r98.3	151.1	36.2	49.3	106.7	38.8
June	103.6	154.7	37.0	50.5	98.4	38.5
1952-53 p—						
July	119.7	179.9	29.8	(b) 64.4	(c) 126.7	36.2
August	118.0	170.4	25.7	63.0	112.1	36.6
September	132.4	196.8	35.0	70.1	134.0	36.5
October	149.9	210.9	38.1	71.7	142.7	43.7
November	136.0	194.1	33.9	62.8	127.2	41.8
December	117.8	167.8	29.9	54.7	115.1	38.7
January	83.8	121.8	20.3	38.3	71.6	28.3
February	134.9	198.6	38.1	54.5	124.0	47.7
March	142.4	225.1	42.9	58.4	104.0	56.7
April	140.1	214.6	36.0	61.0	116.3	54.4

(a) Excludes Women's and Girls' Nightwear. maids'.

(b) Collected as "men's and youths'".

(c) Collected as "women's and

For meaning of symbols p, —, see page 1.

PRODUCTION OF FOOD AND DRINK.

Period.	Wheaten Flour.	Refined Sugar.	Whole Milk for All Purposes.	Dairy Products (Factory Production).			Meat (Bone-in Weight). ^(a)					Beer.
				Butter.	Cheese.	Processed Full Cream Milk Products.	Beef (including Veal).	Mutton.	Lamb.	Total Pigeons (as Pork).	Total. (b)	
	'000 Short Tons.	'000 Tons.	Million Gals.	Tons.	Tons.	'000 Gals. Whole Milk Equiv.	'000 Tons.	'000 Tons.	'000 Tons.	'000 Tons.	'000 Tons.	'000 gals.
Monthly Average—												
1936-37	102.4	27.0	89.9	13,908	1,636	n.a.	45.9	16.0	9.94	7.71	79.6	6,261
1937-38	104.2	28.9	96.4	15,242	2,018	n.a.	49.7	17.2	9.92	7.16	84.0	7,084
1938-39	114.4	28.2	99.1	16,232	2,415	2,781	46.6	17.1	9.55	7.24	80.5	7,523
1945-46	101.6	35.7	89.8	12,131	3,414	5,443	33.9	16.5	7.74	9.00	67.1	9,033
1946-47	124.1	35.2	90.0	11,568	3,518	5,871	40.6	15.2	10.00	7.91	73.8	10,657
1947-48	133.2	36.3	97.8	13,132	3,453	6,509	46.8	13.8	10.80	7.48	78.9	10,561
1948-49	139.9	35.7	101.1	13,424	3,596	7,304	48.1	15.1	11.59	7.82	82.6	12,171
1949-50	125.8	35.2	103.5	14,037	3,731	7,464	50.5	17.2	12.69	7.52	87.9	13,009
1950-51	141.3	37.6	100.0	13,303	3,692	7,069	54.3	13.5	9.37	7.11	84.3	14,397
1951-52p	140.6	41.6	88.2	10,959	3,370	6,525	48.7	14.3	8.82	6.84	78.7	15,400
Monthly Total—												
1950-51—												
April ..	139.9	36.9	72.0	8,841	1,635	3,961	57.8	13.4	6.49	7.25	84.9	14,496
May ..	155.4	39.9	59.7	6,584	1,325	3,520	67.4	12.1	6.29	8.39	94.2	15,443
June ..	155.8	37.3	55.2	5,734	1,442	3,725	62.6	10.2	5.12	6.69	84.6	13,762
1951-52p—												
July ..	168.2	39.6	63.5	7,017	2,131	4,002	62.6	10.3	4.57	6.89	84.4	14,703
Aug. ..	156.9	45.2	77.5	9,135	3,042	5,570	63.1	10.8	6.06	7.10	87.0	15,351
Sept. ..	145.9	43.2	95.4	11,541	4,653	7,993	52.4	11.0	7.75	6.27	77.4	14,318
Oct. ..	147.2	44.9	126.5	16,797	6,269	10,852	45.6	12.6	12.86	6.72	77.7	16,003
Nov. ..	143.2	43.8	123.2	16,103	6,089	10,789	44.5	16.0	15.47	7.80	83.8	15,989
Dec. ..	125.9	35.6	109.6	13,939	5,136	9,527	38.8	16.6	11.86	7.95	75.2	15,499
Jan. ..	145.1	40.1	97.4	12,381	3,698	7,770	40.6	17.4	9.73	6.04	73.8	17,179
Feb. ..	136.9	45.2	78.5	9,536	2,430	5,862	45.2	18.3	8.35	6.80	78.6	16,240
March	134.7	43.4	80.8	10,225	2,156	5,052	42.2	16.0	7.72	6.79	72.7	16,460
April ..	114.0	36.5	73.9	9,149	1,676	4,296	40.5	13.6	7.44	7.11	68.6	15,184
May ..	139.3	42.3	68.5	8,228	1,562	3,520	52.3	14.6	6.99	6.89	80.8	14,832
June ..	129.8	39.3	64.3	7,451	1,601	3,062	57.3	13.9	7.06	5.77	84.0	13,037
1952-53p—												
July ..	138.2	48.6	68.2	7,857	2,226	3,537	60.1	14.7	7.92	6.27	89.0	15,355
Aug. ..	139.3	42.4	84.2	10,317	3,620	5,200	53.4	14.8	9.02	5.84	83.0	15,180
Sept. ..	135.9	42.4	113.7	15,129	5,267	8,846	51.9	17.8	12.08	6.31	88.1	16,301
Oct. ..	139.1	39.1	140.3	19,315	6,865	12,048	56.5	21.8	21.46	6.74	106.5	16,817
Nov. ..	139.2	30.2	142.3	19,455	6,952	13,282	50.8	20.3	22.38	6.73	100.2	13,876
Dec. ..	125.4	26.2	140.6	19,525	6,322	12,502	54.0	23.5	18.59	9.15	105.3	19,096
Jan. ..	144.8	28.3	121.9	16,895	4,889	9,384	49.5	24.0	10.81	5.95	90.3	18,740
Feb. ..	142.5	32.3	106.8	15,046	3,299	6,854	50.1	24.2	8.97	5.85	89.1	16,790
Mar. ..	148.0	36.2	100.2	14,057	2,624	5,403	55.9	22.9	9.26	6.74	94.8	18,374
Apr. ..	141.1	32.7	79.2	10,434	1,745	3,550						16,463

^(a) Includes monthly estimates of production in Northern Territory and Australian Capital Territory.

^(b) In terms of fresh meat.

For meaning of symbols n.a., p. see page 1.

PRODUCTION OF MISCELLANEOUS PRODUCTS.

Period.	Tobacco, Cigars and Cigarettes. (a)	Chemicals and Allied Products.					Motor Bodies.			Pneumatic Tyres— Motor Cycle, Car, Truck, Aero, &c.
		Sulphuric Acid (100%).	Super- phosphate.	Paints.			Sedans and Coupes.	Tourers and Roadsters.	Utilities.	
				Ready- Mixed Paint.	Lacquers Nitro- Cellulose.	Enamels and Synthetic Finishes.				
	'000 lb.	'000 Tons.	'000 Tons.	'000 Gals.	'000 Gals.	'000 Gals.	No.	No.	No.	'000.
Monthly Average—										
1936-37	1,805	36.4	90.9	161	n.a.	n.a.	3,660	478	610	n.a.
1937-38	1,904	41.3	102.8	170	60	39	4,032	804	518	n.a.
1938-39	1,939	40.8	100.0	176	48	48	3,426	816	715	n.a.
1945-46	2,208	33.7	92.1	264	52	82	68	163	165	94
1946-47	2,534	38.3	97.5	233	63	94	1,199	496	528	141
1947-48	2,502	40.4	98.8	291	74	116	1,874	536	786	142
1948-49	2,427	48.8	118.6	308	69	143	2,131	487	798	143
1949-50	2,558	51.0	123.6	330	78	186	2,347	333	1,174	164
1950-51	2,652	53.3	129.0	r466	96	r157	r3,036	387	1,854	189
1951-52 p ..	2,684	54.3	133.1	427	98	177	3,493	436	1,872	213
Monthly Total—										
1950-51 —										
April	2,748	53.2	130.9	545	104	151	2,730	344	2,129	190
May	3,003	60.9	160.3	510	114	188	2,986	401	1,938	210
June	2,537	59.2	142.6	531	94	174	3,209	520	2,172	194
1951-52 p—										
July	2,741	55.5	123.5	550	100	202	3,487	909	2,160	201
August	2,976	57.0	151.9	550	111	215	3,815	634	2,166	224
September ..	3,989	47.5	113.3	552	111	203	3,429	(b)	2,216	212
October	1,382	54.4	137.5	560	110	215	3,606	(b)	2,165	207
November ..	3,095	51.4	124.2	513	111	212	3,749	(b)	1,995	247
December ..	2,394	54.6	118.7	327	82	150	2,764	(b)	1,500	162
January	2,410	58.8	150.7	316	88	154	2,166	(b)	1,493	175
February ..	2,550	49.6	128.7	411	100	173	3,844	(b)	1,957	228
March	2,949	57.8	136.6	367	107	168	3,572	(b)	1,644	245
April	2,597	61.1	152.1	336	87	147	3,524	178	1,503	208
May	2,864	54.1	127.1	356	91	155	4,238	(b)	1,944	244
June	2,260	49.8	132.7	290	75	134	3,723	(b)	1,717	203
1952-53 p—										
July	2,933	49.6	123.4	274	76	146	3,956		1,751	214
August	2,840	47.6	115.8	267	71	128	3,467		1,561	160
September ..	2,860	51.4	121.2	308	68	161	3,579		1,572	115
October	3,208	54.2	143.1	394	73	160	4,036		1,688	130
November ..	3,068	45.9	111.4	364	79	183	3,999		1,455	100
December ..	2,872	51.9	135.8	335	72	169	3,864		1,430	76
January	2,714	43.5	111.0	313	62	146	2,421		1,083	86
February ..	3,157	48.4	119.4	399	96	191	4,063		1,884	130
March	3,314	58.0	144.5	445	112	217	4,753		2,159	166
April	3,039	60.2	160.4	392	93	194	4,058		2,119	148

(a) Details for 1950-51 and earlier periods refer to Australian factory production; 1951-52 and later figures to quantity on which excise duty was paid. (b) Not available for publication.

For meaning of symbols n.a., r, p, see page 1.

INDUSTRIAL PRODUCTION INDEXES : VARIOUS COUNTRIES.

Unless otherwise stated, the indexes shown below include mining, manufacturing, electricity and manufactured gas, but exclude construction. When the indexes are adjusted for differences in the number of working days per month or for seasonal variations they are footnoted accordingly.

Source : *Monthly Bulletin of Statistics* of the Statistical Office of the United Nations.

(Base : 1948 = 100.)

Period.	Belgium. (a)	Canada. (b)	Denmark. (b)	France. (b)	Italy.	Japan.	Nether- lands.	Norway. (b) (c)	Sweden. (b)	United King- dom. (d)	U.S.A. (b) (e)
1937 ..	102	55	n.a.	98	n.a.	192	88	80	67	91	59
1938 ..	82	52	n.a.	90	101	210	89	80	67	86	46
1939 ..	87	56	n.a.	n.a.	n.a.	n.a.	98	85	73	n.a.	57
1946 ..	73	88	n.a.	71	n.a.	n.a.	65	80	91	n.a.	89
1947 ..	93	96	n.a.	86	96	n.a.	83	92	94	n.a.	97
1948 ..	100	100	100	100	100	100	100	100	100	100	100
1949 ..	100	102	107	110	110	129	112	106	104	106	92
1950 ..	102	108	118	111	127	152	123	113	108	114	104
1951 ..	118	115	121	125	144	200	128	119	112	117	115
1952 ..	114	119	117	131	147	213	130	119	110	114	114
1951—											
April ..	121	117	128	128	146	202	131	122	118	122	116
May ..	124	120	126	131	151	206	128	130	117	116	116
June ..	120	121	121	130	146	205	127	123	116	122	116
July ..	109	114	91	120	151	205	119	84	80	111	111
August ..	115	116	119	101	122	199	124	113	108	104	115
September..	116	117	126	123	148	198	126	123	115	121	116
October ..	119	118	124	129	154	195	139	122	116	121	116
November..	121	115	124	133	144	204	135	121	118	123	115
December..	117	108	114	131	141	214	120	116	116	113	113
1952—											
January ..	116	108	114	136	146	197	130	121	111	118	113
February ..	116	111	117	137	139	200	124	131	113	120	114
March ..	115	113	121	137	144	212	127	122	115	123	113
April ..	115	117	121	136	143	210	123	122	117	110	112
May ..	115	120	121	133	153	216	126	127	116	117	110
June ..	113	121	119	132	144	212	122	123	115	112	107
July ..	101	116	85	123	152	216	128	80	70	102	101
August ..	106	119	116	105	119	217	123	112	104	98	114
September..	115	124	r122	128	154	221	138	121	113	116	121
October ..	119	126	r122	133	162	220	147	124	116	120	121
November..	r120	126	r122	134	150	215	138	125	116	123	122
December..	r113	120	117	131	152	224	135	120	116	112	121
1953—											
January ..	110	118	r115	r131	150	207	135	116	110	117	121
February ..	111	r123	r120	131	143	r210	r127	131	111	121	123
March ..		126	124	129		234	142	129	115	123	r125
April ..											125

(a) Adjusted for seasonal variations and for number of working days. (b) Adjusted for number of working days.
(c) Excludes electricity. (d) Partially adjusted for number of working days. Includes construction. (e) Excludes electricity and manufactured gas.

For meaning of symbols n.a., r, see page 1.

MOTOR VEHICLE REGISTRATIONS.

(Excludes Defence Service Vehicles.)

Period.	Motor Vehicles on Register at end of period.			New Motor Vehicles Registered during period. (a)		
	Motor Cars.	Commercial Vehicles, &c.	Motor Cycles.	Motor Cars.	Commercial Vehicles, &c.	Motor Cycles.
	'000.	'000.	'000.			
Monthly Averages.						
1936-37	499	214	78	4,049	2,016	623
1937-38	535	242	80	4,594	2,283	694
1938-39(a)	562	258	79	4,509	2,077	614
1945-46	523	333	73	177	724	163
1946-47	550	376	87	1,770	1,360	685
1947-48	593	414	100	3,562	2,397	1,192
1948-49	655	452	117	5,539	3,056	1,852
1949-50	768	502	134	9,584	4,829	2,232
1950-51	883	551	146	10,639	6,494	2,263
1951-52	1,032	583	155	10,443	6,122	1,846
Monthly Totals.						
1950-51—						
May	875	548	145	10,641	6,463	* 2,405
June	883	551	146	8,542	5,604	1,954
1951-52—						
July	895	557	146	10,691	7,019	2,188
August	912	567	148	13,556	9,441	2,735
September	921	571	149	10,795	6,347	2,397
October	934	576	151	12,145	6,537	2,500
November	(b)944	(b)579	152	(b)11,866	(b)6,835	2,187
December	956	579	153	9,879	5,406	1,789
January	970	580	153	8,160	4,577	1,567
February	986	582	154	9,637	5,301	1,574
March	995	581	154	10,996	5,879	1,774
April	1,005	581	154	10,152	5,407	1,381
May	1,021	583	154	9,670	5,643	1,163
June	1,032	583	155	7,772	5,069	900
1952-53—						
July	1,044	582	154	7,634	4,737	941
August	1,043	574	152	6,598	4,014	918
September	1,052	571	151	7,174	4,080	970
October	1,061	569	151	9,047	4,464	1,114
November	1,069	570	151	8,794	4,353	984
December	1,085	575	152	9,333	4,634	1,147
January	1,083	570	150	5,959	3,139	936
February	1,085	572	150	7,315	4,011	910
March	1,093	575	150	8,359	4,666	1,000
April				(c)7,500	(c)4,600	(c)880
May				(c)7,900	(c)4,800	(c)850

(a) Excludes Northern Territory; also extra-Metropolitan area of Western Australia prior to 1938-39. (b) Prior to 12th November, 1951, primary producers' vehicles registered in Victoria included private cars and commercial vehicles, and were included in commercial vehicle registrations. Since that date, only vehicles constructed for the carriage of goods and used by primary producers solely in connexion with their business are so registered. (c) Estimated.

For meaning of symbol —, see page 1.

GOVERNMENT RAILWAYS : FREIGHT, PASSENGERS AND REVENUE.

The following table shows statistics of freight and passengers carried and of revenue earned on the five Mainland State Railways to the end of June, 1947. From July, 1947, particulars relate to all State and Commonwealth Railway Systems, Tasmania, however, still being excluded in respect of particulars of freight.

The daily average number of passenger-journeys is obtained by dividing the monthly totals by the *total* number of days in the month.

Period.	Freight Carried.		Passenger-journeys.	Gross Revenue.	Net Revenue.
	Net Ton-miles.	Average haul per ton.			
	Daily Average. '000.	Miles.	Daily Average. '000.	Per Month. £'000.	Per Month. £'000.
1936-37	12,820	125.9	1,028	3,407	886
1937-38	13,976	125.0	1,048	3,632	886
1938-39	13,085	127.0	1,048	3,580	694
	(a)	(a)			
1945-46	16,893	147.1	1,485	5,576	823
1946-47	17,406	148.4	1,368	5,303	427
	(b)18,510	(b)144.4	1,395	6,376	443
1947-48	(b)19,317	(b)146.2	1,381	7,174	89
1948-49	(b)19,181	(b)148.8	1,377	7,702	— 184
1949-50	(b)19,462	(b)148.6	1,300	8,834	— 569
1950-51	(b)20,342	(b)145.7	1,367	11,668	— 602
1951-52	(b)	(b)			(c)
1951-52—					
February	20,544	142.2	1,400	12,420	619
March	19,914	137.4	1,438	12,168	— 291
April	18,071	135.8	1,335	11,684	— 776
May	19,423	138.3	1,334	12,963	— 2,461
June	19,175	135.3	1,445	11,972	— 3,849
1952-53—					
July	19,573	139.9	1,308	12,118	— 1,287
August	18,025	130.9	1,293	12,317	— 812
September	18,746	130.6	1,493	13,428	148
October	19,325	134.6	1,266	13,889	394
November	19,435	134.5	1,344	12,710	— 1,758
December	18,315	139.4	1,340	13,123	— 418
January	15,897	125.2		12,540	882
February	19,122			11,492	— 997

(a) Excludes Uniform Gauge Railway. (b) Excludes Tasmania. (c) These figures do not present satisfactory monthly comparisons, because of the periodical inclusion in expenditure of amounts to be set aside for special purposes. Minus sign (—) denotes loss.

MAINLAND STATE RAILWAYS : GROSS REVENUE.(a)

(£'000.)

Period.	New South Wales.	Victoria.	Queensland.	South Australia.	Western Australia.	Total.
1950-51	48,582	18,797	18,876	7,160	6,971	100,386
1951-52	67,308	24,375	22,407	9,418	9,216	132,724
July-April, 1951-52 ..	52,990	19,590	18,424	7,493	7,820	106,317
July-April, 1952-53 ..	60,955	25,493	20,680		6,289	

(a) From monthly statements issued by each Treasury. These figures are on a cash basis and differ slightly from the corresponding figures in the table above, which are on an income and expenditure basis. Exclude Treasury transfers.

For meaning of symbol —, see page 1.

INTERSTATE SHIPPING CARGOES.

('000.)

Period.	Tons (weight and measurement combined) shipped from—						Australia. (a)
	New South Wales.	Victoria.	Queensland.	South Australia.	Western Australia.	Tasmania.	
Monthly							
Average—							
1936-37 ..	284	92	39	184	8	68	675
1937-38 ..	309	101	37	212	8	75	742
1938-39 ..	284	94	39	241	10	78	746
1945-46(b) ..	264	70	44	158	26	56	618
1946-47 ..	283	72	46	234	17	55	707
1947-48 ..	293	64	46	216	14	58	692
1948-49 ..	287	59	43	167	11	50	617
1949-50 ..	258	58	40	215	12	51	635
1950-51 ..	259	57	46	242	12	55	671
1951-52 ..	312	62	54	256	17	50	752
Monthly Total—							
1950-51—							
April ..	263	56	58	212	9	50	648
May ..	296	64	54	285	5	67	771
June ..	244	72	45	222	16	59	658
1951-52—							
July ..	319	69	39	254	27	31	740
August ..	392	67	48	258	14	64	844
September ..	326	49	65	264	20	70	795
October ..	326	89	67	260	10	36	789
November ..	346	62	70	253	21	40	792
December ..	253	56	49	257	5	47	667
January ..	296	54	61	265	20	58	754
February ..	287	59	69	244	14	57	731
March ..	292	64	58	280	6	64	764
April ..	274	45	33	245	12	44	653
May ..	338	62	58	263	22	48	791
June ..	292	66	36	226	37	44	701
1952-53—							
July ..	378	55	94	287	26	65	905
August ..	369	63	83	335	16	57	924
September ..	347	58	63	266	34	55	823
October ..	419	57	59	303	49	58	945
November ..	339	54	89	244	56	51	834
December ..	281	52	51	235	75	33	729
January ..	242	44	40	275	64	44	709
February ..	287	55	59	245	85	43	775
March ..	r327	r46	57	268	r70	54	r822

(a) Includes Northern Territory and supplies.

(b) Excludes cargo from vessels engaged exclusively in the transport of troops, war equipment

For meaning of symbol r, see page 1.

OVERSEA SHIPPING CARGOES.

('000.)

Period.	Discharged.			Shipped.		
	Tons Weight.	Tons Measure.	Total (Tons W and M).	Tons Weight.	Tons Measure.	Total (Tons W and M).
Monthly Average—						
1936-37	304	169	473	419	78	497
1937-38	364	190	554	478	91	569
1938-39	350	183	533	428	91	519
1945-46(a) ..	384	139	523	202	121	323
1946-47	348	116	464	259	112	371
1947-48	415	160	575	374	104	478
1948-49	488	214	702	452	114	566
1949-50	641	298	939	422	116	538
1950-51	757	333	1,090	450	108	558
1951-52	810	391	1,201	374	103	477
Monthly Total—						
1950-51—						
April	664	358	1,022	448	134	582
May	809	312	1,121	462	142	604
June	762	297	1,059	505	112	617
1951-52—						
July	740	287	1,027	450	108	558
August	898	395	1,293	458	73	531
September ..	818	437	1,255	383	75	458
October	868	464	1,332	414	102	516
November ..	838	417	1,255	375	110	485
December ..	751	421	1,172	261	81	342
January	906	530	1,436	319	76	395
February ..	741	446	1,187	376	76	452
March	823	436	1,259	386	134	520
April	783	407	1,190	399	126	525
May	816	255	1,071	345	130	475
June	744	196	940	322	139	461
1952-53—						
July	727	169	896	402	119	521
August	714	168	882	366	113	479
September ..	810	128	938	366	154	520
October	639	163	802	498	118	616
November ..	597	134	731	449	121	570
December ..	690	167	857	476	98	574
January	572	178	750	447	86	533
February ..	476	130	606	485	94	579
March r ..	549	182	731	625	144	769

(a) Excludes cargo from vessels engaged exclusively in the transport of troops, war equipment and supplies.

For meaning of symbol r, see page 1.

POST OFFICE ACTIVITY.

Period.	Receipts of P.M.G.'s Department.(a)	Broadcast Listeners' Licences in force at end of period.(b)	Telephone Services connected at end of period.	
			Lines.	Instruments.
	£'000.	'000.	'000.	'000.
Monthly Averages.				
1936-37	1,318	938	440	595
1937-38	1,396	1,056	465	630
1938-39	1,447	1,130	488	662
1945-46	2,371	1,506	607	856
1946-47	2,484	1,771	648	905
1947-48	2,616	1,833	688	963
1948-49	2,776	1,919	734	1,028
1949-50	3,196	2,030	793	1,110
1950-51	3,732	(c)2,110	864	1,209
1951-52	4,948	1,961	927	1,301
Monthly Totals.				
1950-51—				
May	4,361	2,092	858	1,200
June	4,284	2,110	864	1,209
1951-52—				
July	4,346	2,228	870	1,218
August	4,555	2,246	877	1,228
September	4,090	2,257	883	1,236
October	5,203	2,247	889	1,245
November	4,775	2,241	894	1,253
December	5,309	(c)2,245	899	1,259
January	4,840	1,986	904	1,266
February	5,023	1,991	909	1,274
March	4,940	1,985	914	1,280
April	4,834	1,981	918	1,287
May	5,798	1,973	923	1,294
June	5,657	1,961	927	1,301
1952-53—				
July	5,334	1,900	932	1,308
August	5,121	1,898	937	1,315
September	5,382	1,904	942	1,323
October	5,702	1,923	947	1,330
November	5,030	1,969	952	1,337
December	5,898	1,983	957	1,343
January	4,866	1,990	961	1,349
February	5,126	1,983	966	1,355
March	5,605	1,989	971	1,362
April	5,275	1,994	975	1,369

(a) Actual collections. (b) Includes Papua. (c) During the period July, 1942, to December, 1951, supplementary licences for receivers in excess of one are included.

For meaning of symbol —, see page 1.

WHOLESALE TRADE.

An indication of fluctuations in the value of wholesale trade is given by the returns made under the Sales Tax Acts. The returns do not relate to all wholesale trade, and exclude sales of vendors trading only in exempt goods. They do not necessarily cover a constant proportion of all trade. The effects of legislation and administrative changes on the recorded values of taxable and exempt goods respectively are somewhat uncertain, but total recorded sales are affected in smaller degree. Insufficient information is available to enable adjustments to be made to the crude figures on this account. Monthly totals are compiled on a basis comparable with the monthly averages for preceding years.

(£ million.)

Period.								Net Sales Recorded under Sales Tax Acts.(a)		
								Taxable Goods.	Exempt Goods.	Total Taxable and Exempt Goods.
								Monthly Averages. Totals complete.		
1936-37	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	15.4	21.8	37.2
1937-38	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	16.9	23.6	40.5
1938-39	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	16.4	23.4	39.8
1945-46	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	22.3	33.4	55.7
1946-47	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	24.6	42.2	66.8
1947-48	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	26.2	53.3	79.5
1948-49	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	30.3	63.1	93.4
1949-50	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	38.0	72.2	110.2
1950-51	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	45.6	94.9	140.5
1951-52	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	52.0	110.1	162.1
Taxable Sales—Rates.										
								Monthly Totals. Partly Estimated.		

(a) The rates of tax per cent. were 5 from 22.9.38; 6 from 9.9.39; 8½ from 3.5.40; 5, 10 and 15 on different classes of goods from 22.11.40; 5, 10 and 20 from 30.10.41; 12½ and 25 from 1.5.42; 10 and 25 from 15.11.46; 8½ and 25 from 8.9.49; 8½, 10, 25 and 33½ from 13.10.50; 12½, 20, 25, 33½, 50 and 66⅔ from 27.9.51; 12½, 20, 33½ and 50 from 7.8.52. From 21.7.43, rationed clothing, &c., were reduced to 7½ per cent. and was exempted from 15.11.46. With certain specified exemptions, all goods sold in Australia, including imports, are taxable. The list of exemptions was extended as from 13.12.38; 26.9.39; and restricted as from 3.6.40, 22.11.40, 30.10.41. As from 1.5.42, 3.7.43, 21.7.43, 8.9.44 there was a partial restoration of former exemptions. As from 13.9.45, 10.4.46, 15.11.46, 20.9.47, 9.9.48, 8.9.49, 13.10.50, and 27.8.51, further former exemptions were restored and additional exemptions granted.

For meaning of symbols .., r, p, see page 1.

VALUE OF RETAIL SALES(a) : STATES.

The figures in the tables below relate to the retail sales of goods (as distinct from services, accommodation, entertainments, meals, &c.) by establishments selling retail goods from fixed premises (shops, rooms, kiosks, yards) and include the retail sales of establishments principally engaged in wholesale, manufacturing or servicing activities.
(£ million.)

Period.	New South Wales.	Victoria.	Queensland.	South Australia.	Western Australia.	Tasmania.	Total. (b).
Quarterly Average—							
1947-48 ..	96.3	67.6	32.6	20.1	16.3	7.5	240.4
1948-49 ..	114.6	80.0	38.6	24.5	19.8	8.8	286.3
1949-50 ..	133.3	96.9	45.8	30.3	24.2	10.3	340.8
1950-51 ..	167.2	118.8	56.5	37.2	29.7	12.9	422.3
1951-52 ..	188.7	135.2	64.0	43.8	35.3	15.5	482.5
Quarterly Total—							
1950-51—							
March Qtr.	164.1	117.1	55.8	36.9	29.9	12.7	416.5
June ..	181.2	127.6	60.2	41.0	31.9	14.1	456.0
1951-52—							
September ..	182.3	126.8	62.7	41.0	32.3	14.4	459.5
December ..	206.4	147.2	69.2	46.0	37.2	16.5	522.5
March ..	180.7	132.9	61.4	44.0	35.3	15.4	469.7
June ..	185.3	133.9	62.8	44.3	36.3	15.5	478.1
1952-53—							
September ..	179.5	127.7	62.6	41.0	34.3	14.9	460.0
December ..	209.6	148.8	72.6	47.1	39.4	17.7	535.2
March ..	180.1	130.3	r64.0	42.8	35.5	15.1	r467.8

(a) Includes retail sales of Motor Vehicles, Parts, Petrol, &c.

(b) Excludes Australian Capital Territory and Northern Territory.

VALUE OF RETAIL SALES IN AUSTRALIA(a) : COMMODITY GROUPS. (£ million.)

Period.	Groceries.	Butchers' Meat.	Other Food. (b)	Beer, Wine and Spirits.	Clothing, Drapery, Piece Goods and Foot-wear.	Hard-ware.	Electrical Goods.	Furniture.	Other Goods.	Total (Excl. Motor Vehicles, &c.)	Motor Vehicles, Parts, Petrol, &c.	Total.
Quarterly Average—												
1947-48 ..	41.9	39.4		(c)	49.8	(c)	(c)	(c)	(c)	211.0	29.4	240.4
1948-49 ..	35.9	16.3	29.1	23.8	59.5	18.1	8.5	11.6	42.0	244.8	41.5	286.3
1949-50 ..	40.1	18.6	32.9	26.1	65.4	20.8	10.2	13.4	49.5	277.0	63.8	340.8
1950-51 ..	46.2	22.3	38.9	30.4	80.7	27.5	14.6	18.6	59.4	338.6	83.7	422.3
1951-52 ..	57.4	28.3	47.1	37.7	85.7	32.0	16.5	18.1	70.3	393.1	89.4	482.5
Quarterly Total—												
1950-51—												
Mar. Qtr. ..	45.9	22.4	40.6	32.1	76.6	26.6	14.8	18.7	57.7	335.4	81.1	416.5
June ..	49.4	25.3	40.3	31.0	90.8	31.3	15.4	20.6	62.5	366.6	89.4	456.0
1951-52—												
Sept. ..	52.5	26.7	43.3	31.6	81.7	31.1	17.8	19.8	65.8	370.3	89.2	459.5
Dec. ..	59.1	28.2	49.0	41.1	95.4	34.9	19.1	19.5	80.2	426.5	96.0	522.5
Mar. ..	57.2	28.7	48.7	40.3	75.8	30.8	15.3	16.4	67.5	380.7	89.0	469.7
June ..	60.9	29.6	47.5	37.8	89.8	31.2	13.9	16.6	67.5	394.8	83.3	478.1
1952-53—												
Sept. ..	61.9	30.1	48.7	37.9	78.0	30.2	13.9	16.4	67.1	384.2	75.8	460.0
Dec. ..	67.9	30.2	54.4	46.5	97.5	35.2	18.5	18.6	79.7	448.5	86.7	535.2
Mar. r ..	62.3	29.2	52.1	43.8	73.9	30.4	14.9	16.2	66.5	389.3	78.5	467.8

(a) Excludes Australian Capital Territory and Northern Territory.

(b) Includes Fresh Fruit and Vegetables, Confectionery, Soft Drinks, Ice Cream, Cakes, Pastry, Cooked Provisions, Fish, &c., but excludes most delivered Milk and some delivered Bread.

(c) Comparable commodity

dissections for 1947-48 not collected.

For meaning of symbol r, see page 1.

PRIVATE TRADING BANKS.(a)
LIABILITIES AND ASSETS WITHIN AUSTRALIA.
 (£ million.)

Period.	Deposits.(b)			Advances.	Government and Municipal Securities. (c)	Special Accounts with Commonwealth Bank.	Coin, Bullion, Notes and Cash with Commonwealth Bank.	Treasury Bills.
	Bearing Interest.	Not Bearing Interest.	Total.					
Average of Weekly Figures—								
1936-37.. ..	184.7	112.9	297.6	262.5	15.0	..	34.2	24.5
1937-38.. ..	194.8	120.0	314.8	274.4	21.4	..	37.1	20.7
1938-39.. ..	198.8	118.9	317.7	288.1	20.5	..	33.6	21.5
1945-46.. ..	220.4	386.0	606.4	(d) 212.2	115.3	238.1	38.5	59.8
1946-47.. ..	206.9	429.7	636.6	261.1	95.0	265.0	37.9	25.8
1947-48.. ..	201.9	471.6	673.5	329.9	65.6	262.3	44.4	18.1
1948-49.. ..	211.3	565.1	776.4	368.6	61.5	322.7	48.0	22.1
1949-50.. ..	224.5	685.6	910.1	403.9	83.8	377.0	52.0	26.5
1950-51.. ..	247.7	896.5	1,144.2	479.3	90.2	500.3	59.3	36.9
1951-52.. ..	238.2	963.5	1,201.7	621.4	68.4	466.0	60.6	32.4
1950-51—								
May	251.9	1,039.9	1,291.8	496.9	93.4	575.5	59.5	54.3
June	250.1	987.6	1,237.7	509.5	93.0	569.6	50.5	32.8
1951-52—								
July	252.1	952.2	1,204.3	527.6	91.1	537.8	55.1	24.8
August	249.3	941.3	1,190.6	541.6	81.5	523.0	56.3	35.5
September	247.4	929.9	1,177.3	568.5	75.8	519.1	54.5	33.5
October	242.2	937.0	1,179.2	593.8	68.2	509.8	56.1	23.5
November	240.2	950.5	1,190.7	620.7	63.2	494.5	61.9	19.3
December (e)	240.2	1,002.2	1,242.4	624.8	61.9	483.9	69.2	36.0
January	236.9	981.4	1,218.3	638.6	59.0	483.6	67.7	33.6
February	236.5	992.0	1,228.5	654.6	62.0	458.5	64.4	31.3
March	234.9	1,006.4	1,241.3	664.1	67.6	436.5	64.4	37.9
April	232.2	1,014.4	1,246.6	667.9	64.1	427.5	64.2	39.7
May	224.8	957.2	1,182.0	675.6	62.5	398.9	53.7	38.5
June	220.5	902.4	1,122.9	691.2	62.6	303.3	61.2	35.8
1952-53—								
July	215.1	857.0	1,072.1	699.3	65.3	215.5	65.2	46.4
August	214.8	844.7	1,059.5	690.4	65.5	190.5	68.4	59.5
September	214.7	839.4	1,054.1	682.0	65.6	185.7	66.7	69.3
October	213.8	863.9	1,077.7	673.4	66.3	163.8	69.0	97.1
November	215.5	898.8	1,114.3	655.7	70.5	156.5	76.5	120.9
December(e)	217.1	930.3	1,147.4	637.7	79.3	156.5	78.6	136.8
January	218.7	952.9	1,171.6	616.0	91.3	167.5	91.9	157.8
February	219.0	999.9	1,218.9	604.1	96.5	193.6	89.3	188.4
March	221.1	1,051.5	1,272.6	593.9	101.1	228.6	81.7	211.0
April	224.0	1,059.5	1,283.5	592.5	110.1	276.1	71.7	173.3
May	222.7	1,029.5	1,252.2	597.6	115.5	300.8	65.5	129.0

(a) Previously Nine Trading Banks. These have been reduced to seven by amalgamations. Australia and New Zealand Bank Ltd., Bank of Adelaide, Bank of New South Wales, Commercial Bank of Australia Ltd., Commercial Banking Company of Sydney Ltd., English, Scottish and Australian Bank Ltd., National Bank of Australasia Ltd., and Queensland National Bank Ltd. (in voluntary liquidation). Averages of liabilities and assets on Mondays in period until December, 1946; thereafter averages of liabilities and assets on Wednesdays. (b) Excludes inscribed deposit stock. (c) Excludes Treasury Bills. (d) Figures for this and following periods are not strictly comparable with those for previous periods owing to exclusion from advances of bills receivable and minor miscellaneous assets. (e) Banks were exempted from furnishing a return for fourth Wednesday.

For meaning of symbols .., —, see page 1.

PRIVATE TRADING BANKS (a)—continued.

RATIOS OF ASSETS AND LIABILITIES TO TOTAL DEPOSITS (b) WITHIN AUSTRALIA.

(Per Cent.)

Period.			Percentages of various categories of assets to total deposits.					Percentage Non-interest bearing to Total Deposits.
			Cash in Australia.	Cash + Treasury Bills.	Advances.	Advances + Government and Municipal Securities in Australia.(c)	Special Accounts with Commonwealth Bank.	
Average	of	Weekly						
Figures—								
1936-37	11.49	19.73	88.20	93.26	..	37.93
1937-38	11.79	18.37	87.15	93.95	..	38.13
1938-39	10.58	17.36	90.70	97.15	..	37.42
1945-46	6.34	16.20	(d)34.99	(d)54.00	39.27	63.65
1946-47	5.96	10.02	41.02	55.95	41.63	67.51
1947-48	6.59	9.28	48.98	58.72	38.94	70.02
1948-49	6.18	9.03	47.47	55.39	41.56	72.79
1949-50	5.71	8.62	44.35	53.55	41.40	75.28
1950-51	5.19	8.41	41.89	49.69	43.73	78.35
1951-52	5.04	7.74	51.71	57.40	38.78	80.18
1950-51—								
May	4.60	8.80	38.47	45.70	44.55	80.50
June	4.08	6.73	41.16	48.67	46.02	79.79
1951-52—								
July	4.58	6.64	43.81	51.38	44.65	79.07
August	4.73	7.71	45.49	52.34	43.93	79.06
September	4.63	7.48	48.29	54.73	44.09	78.98
October	4.76	6.75	50.36	56.14	43.24	79.46
November	5.20	6.82	52.13	57.44	41.53	79.83
December(e)	5.57	8.47	50.29	55.28	38.95	80.67
January	5.23	7.99	52.42	57.26	39.70	80.55
February	5.24	7.78	53.28	58.33	37.32	80.75
March	5.18	8.23	53.50	58.94	35.16	81.08
April	5.15	8.33	53.58	58.72	34.29	81.37
May	4.54	7.80	57.16	62.45	33.75	80.98
June	5.45	8.63	61.56	67.14	27.01	80.36
1952-53—								
July	6.08	10.40	65.23	71.32	20.10	79.94
August	6.46	12.08	65.16	71.34	17.98	79.73
September	6.33	12.90	64.70	70.91	17.62	79.63
October	6.40	15.41	62.49	68.64	15.20	80.16
November	6.87	17.72	58.84	65.16	14.05	80.66
December(e)	6.86	18.78	55.58	62.49	13.64	81.08
January	7.84	21.31	52.58	60.37	14.30	81.34
February	7.32	22.77	49.56	57.48	15.88	82.03
March	6.42	23.00	46.67	54.62	17.97	82.63
April	5.58	19.08	46.16	54.74	21.51	82.55
May	5.23	15.53	47.72	56.94	24.02	82.21

(a) See footnote (a) on previous page.

(b) Deposits exclude inscribed deposit stock.

(c) Excludes Treasury Bills.

(d) Figures for this and following periods are not strictly comparable with those for previous periods owing to exclusion from advances of bills receivable and minor miscellaneous assets.

(e) Banks were exempted from furnishing a return for fourth Wednesday.

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COMMONWEALTH BANK OF AUSTRALIA.
GENERAL BANKING DIVISION—LIABILITIES AND ASSETS WITHIN AUSTRALIA.(a)
and
RURAL CREDITS, MORTGAGE BANK AND INDUSTRIAL FINANCE DEPARTMENTS—ADVANCES.(a)
(£ million.)

Period.	General Banking Division.							Other Departments—Advances.			
	Deposits.			Advances.	Coin, Bullion, Notes and Cash with Commonwealth Bank.	Treasury Bills.	Other Australian Government and Municipal Securities.	Rural Credits Department.	Mortgage Bank Department.	Industrial Finance Department.	
	Bearing Interest.	Not Bearing Interest.	Total.							Hire Purchase.	Other.
Average of Weekly Figures—											
1945-46(b) ..	21.1	35.3	56.4	17.8	7.3	4.2	33.6	0.6	2.0	0.1	0.1
1946-47 ..	17.6	40.7	58.3	20.4	6.6	1.9	34.3	0.8	2.6	0.6	1.3
1947-48 ..	13.9	43.7	57.6	23.4	6.6	..	32.1	0.8	3.1	2.5	3.5
1948-49 ..	13.2	51.1	64.3	31.8	6.1	..	34.1	1.8	3.2	7.6	4.8
1949-50 ..	14.8	62.5	77.3	45.3	6.2	2.0	35.4	13.8	3.5	12.8	6.3
1950-51 ..	19.4	89.2	108.6	62.5	7.2	24.0	26.9	13.7	3.8	14.7	7.6
1951-52 ..	20.1	90.6	110.7	76.4	6.6	26.4	13.3	19.7	4.1	15.5	8.7
1950-51—											
May ..	24.1	102.1	126.2	66.3	6.0	47.2	18.6	29.7	3.9	14.6	7.5
June ..	22.3	97.4	119.7	68.5	6.9	36.5	15.1	16.9	3.8	14.7	7.5
1951-52—											
July ..	22.7	91.1	113.8	71.3	5.9	34.5	13.1	8.8	3.9	15.0	7.9
August ..	22.5	87.9	110.4	72.8	6.5	32.5	9.7	5.6	4.0	15.4	7.8
September ..	20.8	86.2	107.0	73.6	5.5	30.5	8.4	3.0	4.0	15.9	8.0
October ..	20.6	88.3	108.9	75.3	6.5	29.1	9.7	2.7	4.0	16.3	8.2
November ..	20.1	89.6	109.7	78.2	6.4	26.0	10.9	3.4	4.1	16.7	8.4
December ..	19.0	96.9	115.9	79.5	9.1	27.3	11.1	4.2	4.1	16.6	8.6
January ..	17.9	90.4	108.3	81.2	6.8	22.8	11.1	6.5	4.2	16.0	8.8
February ..	18.8	92.7	111.5	81.7	6.5	24.0	11.1	23.1	4.3	15.5	9.1
March ..	19.4	93.5	112.9	(d) 80.6	6.1	23.5	(d) 13.5	44.9	4.3	15.1	9.2
April ..	19.9	93.3	113.2	77.9	7.2	22.4	17.9	52.5	4.4	14.8	9.3
May ..	19.3	90.2	109.5	73.9	5.8	21.0	21.2	44.5	4.3	14.4	9.3
June ..	19.8	89.3	109.1	71.2	7.1	23.0	22.1	39.5	4.2	14.2	9.4
1952-53—											
July ..	19.5	85.7	105.2	62.5	(e) 28.0	(e) 3.8	22.5	27.4	4.3	14.0	9.1
August ..	19.0	85.9	104.9	62.2	26.6	4.6	24.4	26.4	4.3	13.9	8.9
September ..	19.5	85.3	104.8	58.8	26.9	5.6	27.5	23.7	4.3	13.8	8.7
October ..	20.5	88.8	109.3	57.4	24.1	6.6	33.6	17.1	4.3	13.8	8.5
November ..	23.0	93.6	116.6	59.1	23.6	9.1	36.9	13.3	4.3	14.2	8.4
December ..	23.3	97.4	120.7	59.5	23.5	12.1	38.4	11.2	4.2	15.1	8.2
January ..	24.0	93.5	117.5	62.8	23.6	14.6	33.5	27.3	4.2	15.2	8.1
February ..	24.5	100.0	124.5	61.6	31.3	20.6	25.8	66.5	4.2	15.3	8.1
March ..	24.9	107.0	131.9	58.1	34.9	32.7	21.6	95.7	4.3	15.4	8.4
April ..	25.1	107.8	132.9	55.6	37.4	35.6	16.8	89.6	4.3	15.7	7.9
May ..	25.3	107.3	132.6	57.3	42.5	32.0	15.2				

(a) Averages of liabilities and assets on Mondays of period until December, 1946; thereafter averages of liabilities and assets on Wednesdays.
(b) Ten months ended June, 1946. (c) Returns for fourth Wednesday not available. (d) Between March and July, 1952, certain loans to building societies and credit foncier loans for housing were transferred from the General Banking Division to the Commonwealth Savings Bank in exchange for Government Securities. The reduction in these loans (held by the General Banking Division) over this period was approximately £24,000,000. (e) At the beginning of July the General Banking Division opened, in the books of the Central Bank, a deposit account with a balance approximating the amount that would be required if it were subject to Special Account provisions of the *Banking Act* 1945-53. This represents a change in the form of liquid assets which were previously held, predominantly in Treasury Bills.

For meaning of symbols .., —, see page 1.

COMMONWEALTH BANK OF AUSTRALIA : CENTRAL BANKING BUSINESS.

(Includes Note Issue Department.)

LIABILITIES AND ASSETS.(a)

(£A million.)

Period.	Notes on Issue.			Special Accounts of Trading Banks.	Other Deposits of Trading Banks.	Other Liabilities (excluding Capital and Reserves).	Gold and Balances held Abroad.	Government and other Securities (including Treasury Bills).
	Held by Banks.	Held by Public.	Total.					
Average of Weekly Figures—								
1945-46(b) ..	16.9	176.9	193.8	241.8	26.9	144.4	181.6	418.3
1946-47.. ..	18.7	180.7	199.4	267.0	24.1	122.1	217.6	392.2
1947-48.. ..	22.2	175.9	198.1	263.7	28.0	142.0	196.7	419.9
1948-49.. ..	24.9	178.7	203.6	323.9	29.8	174.6	336.2	356.3
1949-50.. ..	27.9	194.3	222.2	379.6	30.7	200.3	434.0	349.0
1950-51.. ..	32.7	219.1	251.8	503.2	34.7	238.2	596.3	366.6
1951-52.. ..	38.1	255.5	293.6	468.8	31.1	270.9	470.6	503.1
1950-51—								
May	34.9	234.6	269.5	578.4	34.5	278.3	701.2	368.6
June	35.0	238.6	273.6	572.6	23.3	278.5	718.2	346.9
1951-52—								
July	34.9	241.4	276.3	540.8	29.5	287.3	712.6	345.2
August	35.3	244.6	279.9	526.0	30.0	281.3	696.5	351.7
September ..	35.7	248.0	283.7	522.1	26.9	274.3	665.8	372.8
October	37.4	249.6	287.0	512.8	26.5	277.8	615.5	412.4
November ..	37.3	252.8	290.1	497.4	32.3	287.1	512.5	513.7
December ..	(c) 43.3	(c) 264.6	307.9	484.0	35.9	275.0	446.6	581.0
January	43.5	257.9	301.4	486.0	33.4	267.4	386.3	615.9
February ..	38.2	256.6	294.8	461.0	36.2	259.9	335.8	627.5
March	36.9	259.9	296.8	438.9	36.4	264.0	316.6	613.1
April	38.4	265.0	303.4	430.0	33.9	260.1	313.1	585.4
May	38.1	262.9	301.0	401.8	22.3	256.0	311.0	541.3
June	37.5	264.5	302.0	305.0	30.1	260.2	303.2	488.8
1952-53—								
July	36.3	266.1	302.4	216.9	34.9	266.9	288.5	460.9
August	36.3	269.5	305.8	191.8	38.2	267.5	291.0	457.3
September ..	36.0	273.0	309.0	187.0	36.3	278.5	301.3	463.8
October	35.8	276.5	312.3	164.9	38.9	278.5	299.5	455.1
November ..	35.9	279.4	315.3	157.6	46.9	277.8	320.9	444.2
December(d) ..	40.5	287.9	328.4	157.6	44.9	279.2	338.6	439.1
January	40.8	283.1	323.9	168.6	59.1	280.3	366.6	418.9
February ..	36.3	283.0	319.3	194.7	62.0	288.0	393.2	388.6
March	35.8	286.2	322.0	229.7	56.5	293.3	412.0	377.9
April	37.0	292.0	329.0	277.1	44.5	305.3	433.0	420.1
May			325.9	301.9	38.7	313.4	455.9	435.0

(a) Averages of liabilities and assets on Mondays of period until December, 1946; thereafter on Wednesdays of period. (b) Ten months ended June, 1946. (c) Dissection made on proportion indicated by the returns for first three Wednesdays. (d) Return for fourth Wednesday not available.

ALL CHEQUE-PAYING BANKS.(a)

LIABILITIES AND ASSETS WITHIN AUSTRALIA.(b)

(£ million.)

Period	Deposits.			Advances.	Coin, Bullion, Notes and Cash with Commonwealth Bank.	Treasury Bills.	Other Australian Government and Municipal Securities.
	Bearing Interest.	Not Bearing Interest.	Total.				
Average of Weekly Figures—							
1945-46(c)	245.8	436.6	682.4	246.7	48.3	67.2	158.7
1946-47	229.5	480.4	709.9	304.4	47.0	28.5	137.8
1947-48(d)	221.2	527.9	749.1	384.8	54.1	18.9	108.2
1948-49	231.8	634.6	866.4	440.2	58.3	23.9	109.2
1949-50	249.3	771.2	1,020.5	495.4	62.2	29.5	132.3
1950-51	279.6	1,017.6	1,297.2	598.5	71.4	64.0	129.5
1951-52	271.7	1,091.6	1,363.3	759.7	72.2	61.7	96.6
1950-51—							
May	289.7	1,181.4	1,471.1	620.4	72.0	108.5	126.8
June	285.5	1,121.9	1,407.4	635.4	62.4	73.7	123.0
1951-52—							
July	287.4	1,079.6	1,367.0	656.9	66.6	61.2	119.3
August	284.1	1,065.2	1,349.3	672.8	68.1	69.8	106.4
September	280.6	1,051.0	1,331.6	701.2	64.6	65.8	99.4
October	275.4	1,059.6	1,335.0	729.5	66.4	54.4	93.0
November	272.5	1,074.5	1,347.0	759.7	72.9	47.0	89.0
December(e)	271.2	1,135.3	1,406.5	765.6	83.2	65.3	87.8
January	266.8	1,110.8	1,377.6	782.3	80.4	59.8	84.9
February	267.2	1,127.8	1,395.0	799.2	77.4	60.0	87.8
March	267.7	1,143.2	1,410.9	(f)808.2	76.7	67.6	(f) 95.8
April	268.8	1,147.8	1,416.6	810.4	77.1	67.7	96.7
May	260.2	1,084.5	1,344.7	814.6	64.1	62.3	98.4
June	255.9	1,026.3	1,282.2	827.9	72.0	59.4	99.4
1952-53—							
July	249.5	975.2	1,224.7	827.7	(g)96.3	(g) 50.5	102.4
August	249.4	962.4	1,211.8	817.6	98.1	64.3	104.6
September	250.3	955.1	1,205.4	806.1	96.3	75.1	107.8
October	250.9	983.0	1,233.9	797.1	96.0	104.0	114.4
November	253.7	1,024.6	1,278.3	781.3	103.4	130.3	121.0
December (e)	255.2	1,060.9	1,316.1	763.5	105.4	149.6	131.0
January	257.5	1,083.3	1,340.8	742.9	120.7	175.5	138.1
February	258.4	1,141.0	1,399.4	729.3	126.5	216.4	135.8
March	261.3	1,201.2	1,462.5	715.9	123.9	253.1	136.1
April	264.2	1,209.0	1,473.2	711.3	116.2	218.2	140.4
May	263.0	1,176.5	1,439.5	718.0	114.2	169.7	144.2

(a) Compiled from returns lodged under the *Banking Act* 1945-53. Includes General Banking Division of the Commonwealth Bank of Australia, the Rural Bank Department of the Rural Bank of New South Wales, the General Banking Department of the State Bank of South Australia, and from July, 1946, the Rural Department of the Rural and Industries Bank of Western Australia. (b) See footnote (a), page 48. (c) Ten months ended June, 1946. (d) From January, 1948, the General Bank Department of the Rural Bank of New South Wales has been included. The General Bank Department includes the Rural Bank, Advances for Homes, Personal Loans and General Bank Divisions. (e) See footnote (e), page 46. (f) See footnote (d), page 48. (g) See footnote (e), page 48.

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ALL CHEQUE-PAYING BANKS.

DEBITS TO CUSTOMERS' ACCOUNTS.(a)

(Excluding Debits to Australian Government Accounts at City Branches.)

(£ million.)

Period.	New South Wales.	Victoria.	Queensland.	South Australia.	Western Australia.	Tasmania.	Australian Capital Territory.	Total.
Average of Weekly Figures—								
1945-46(b) ..	46.7	43.5	14.7	8.7	5.8	2.9	0.1	122.4
1946-47.. ..	58.1	52.9	16.8	10.5	(c) 7.1	3.4	0.1	(c) 148.9
1947-48(d) ..	(e) 69.4	61.2	19.9	12.7	8.7	3.9	0.1	(e) 175.9
1948-49.. ..	83.1	74.3	24.3	15.5	10.7	4.7	0.2	212.8
1949-50.. ..	104.9	97.8	29.5	19.3	13.7	5.6	0.3	271.1
1950-51.. ..	145.1	134.9	39.0	26.8	19.3	7.4	0.4	372.9
1951-52.. ..	156.6	142.3	41.5	30.8	21.8	8.9	0.5	402.4
1950-51—								
May	167.3	156.6	44.5	30.3	19.6	8.6	0.4	427.3
June	168.2	149.3	45.0	30.5	18.7	8.9	0.4	421.0
1951-52—								
July	159.4	148.3	45.5	30.3	20.3	9.2	0.5	413.5
August	141.8	128.2	38.6	25.6	19.1	7.9	0.4	361.6
September ..	153.0	130.8	40.6	27.3	18.9	8.3	0.4	379.3
October.. ..	162.9	150.0	46.0	31.5	21.8	8.2	0.5	420.9
November ..	170.5	148.8	42.2	30.5	21.4	8.4	0.4	422.2
December ..	175.9	157.4	46.5	35.4	23.5	9.6	0.5	448.8
January	146.2	133.3	36.5	27.2	24.5	7.4	0.4	375.5
February ..	155.3	153.4	38.4	33.9	24.3	9.0	0.4	414.7
March	152.1	142.2	39.1	34.3	22.3	10.2	0.5	400.7
April	153.3	142.7	40.5	32.2	22.5	9.5	0.5	401.2
 May	 155.9	 141.7	 40.9	 32.1	 22.6	 9.5	 0.5	 403.2
June	158.4	135.4	44.6	30.7	20.5	9.6	0.5	399.7
1952-53—								
July	149.0	129.2	44.4	31.1	20.5	9.4	0.6	384.2
August	130.1	116.5	38.5	26.3	19.3	8.1	0.5	339.3
September ..	143.0	116.3	41.1	26.2	17.9	8.2	0.5	353.2
October	152.7	122.1	43.9	28.0	21.2	8.1	0.5	376.5
November ..	159.8	136.2	45.1	29.1	23.0	8.0	0.5	401.7
December ..	173.8	146.4	47.8	30.5	24.0	9.7	0.6	432.8
January	124.6	118.4	36.3	25.9	24.3	6.6	0.7	336.8
February ..	156.1	137.0	41.8	34.0	24.9	8.6	0.5	402.9
March	162.4	141.0	47.7	32.3	23.2	9.8	0.5	416.9
April	149.6	142.6	46.9	32.2	22.7	9.5	0.8	404.3

(a) Compiled from returns lodged under *Bankruptcy Act* 1945-53. Averages of four or five weeks ended on last Monday in period to December, 1946; thereafter averages of four or five weeks ended on last Wednesday. (b) Ten months ended June, 1946. (c) Includes Rural Department of Rural and Industries Bank of Western Australia for July, 1946, and following months. (d) Debits to Customers' Accounts relating to the transfer of accounts from The Queensland National Bank Ltd. (in voluntary liquidation) to The National Bank of Australasia Ltd. have been excluded from January, 1948. (e) See footnote (d) on previous page.

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SAVINGS BANK DEPOSITS AND SAVINGS CERTIFICATES.

(£ million.)

At end of—	Amounts on Deposit in Savings Banks.									War Savings and Savings Certificates— Net Amount Outstanding.
	New South Wales.	Victoria.	Queens- land.	South Australia.	Western Australia.	Tasmania.	Northern Territory.	Australian Capital Territory.	Australia.	
1936-37 ..	82.0	75.7	27.3	26.5	11.8	7.2	0.1	0.3	230.9	..
1937-38 ..	86.0	78.9	28.2	27.2	12.0	7.7	0.1	0.3	240.4	..
1938-39 ..	87.5	80.5	29.0	27.4	12.4	8.4	0.1	0.3	245.6	..
1945-46 ..	236.2	211.3	90.1	65.9	38.3	20.4	0.4	1.0	663.6	54.7
1946-47 ..	231.4	216.1	85.6	67.9	36.6	20.9	0.5	1.0	660.0	59.5
1947-48 ..	237.0	226.4	84.8	73.6	36.2	21.6	0.6	1.1	681.3	64.5
1948-49 ..	244.5	239.3	87.4	81.2	37.5	22.4	0.7	1.2	714.2	62.2
1949-50 ..	258.9	257.1	92.2	87.7	39.6	24.3	0.9	1.4	762.1	55.0
1950-51 ..	284.5	281.8	98.8	97.8	44.7	27.1	1.0	1.7	837.4	48.1
1951-52 ..	304.5	300.8	102.7	103.7	47.2	30.1	1.1	1.8	891.9	41.8
1950-51—										
May ..	279.8	277.0	98.6	95.8	43.9	26.7	0.9	1.7	824.4	48.7
June ..	284.5	281.8	98.8	97.8	44.7	27.1	1.0	1.7	(a) 837.4	48.1
1951-52—										
July ..	285.5	283.3	99.3	98.7	44.9	27.5	1.0	1.7	841.9	47.6
August ..	287.4	285.0	100.2	99.6	45.6	28.0	1.0	1.7	848.5	47.0
September ..	288.9	286.8	100.7	99.4	45.7	28.1	1.0	1.8	852.4	46.4
October ..	290.7	288.2	101.0	99.8	46.0	28.3	1.0	1.8	856.8	45.9
November ..	292.5	289.8	101.6	100.3	46.2	28.5	1.0	1.8	861.7	45.4
December ..	293.2	290.2	101.7	100.6	46.0	28.5	1.0	1.7	862.9	44.8
January ..	295.3	293.0	101.4	101.6	46.3	28.7	1.0	1.8	869.1	44.3
February ..	296.9	294.1	100.8	102.3	46.3	29.2	1.0	1.8	872.4	43.9
March ..	297.7	294.8	100.5	102.4	46.3	29.4	1.0	1.8	873.9	43.5
April ..	299.3	295.5	100.8	102.4	46.5	29.6	1.0	1.8	876.9	42.8
May ..	299.0	295.7	100.7	101.5	46.2	29.7	1.0	1.8	875.6	42.3
June ..	304.5	300.8	102.7	103.7	47.2	30.1	1.1	1.8	(a) 891.9	41.8
1952-53—										
July ..	307.1	303.5	103.5	105.0	47.7	30.3	1.1	1.9	900.1	41.3
August ..	308.5	305.1	104.1	105.7	48.0	30.6	1.1	1.9	905.0	40.7
September ..	310.0	306.8	105.0	106.0	48.4	30.7	1.1	2.0	910.0	40.1
October ..	312.8	308.9	106.5	107.1	48.7	30.9	1.1	2.0	918.0	39.5
November ..	312.2	308.9	106.4	107.1	48.9	30.9	1.1	2.0	917.5	38.9
December ..	312.3	309.4	106.9	107.2	48.6	30.9	1.1	2.0	918.4	38.4
January ..	311.9	309.8	106.1	107.7	48.5	31.0	1.1	2.0	918.1	37.9
February ..	312.7	311.0	106.1	109.1	48.4	31.3	1.1	2.0	921.7	37.4
March ..	313.8	311.6	106.4	110.1	48.6	31.3	1.1	2.1	925.0	37.0
April ..	313.3	311.8	106.5	110.4	48.6	31.5	1.1	2.1	925.3	36.5

(a) Interest added 1950-51, £12.8m.; 1951-52, £14.0m. The major part of this interest was added in June.

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INTEREST RATES AND SECURITY YIELDS.

(Per Cent.)

Period.	Trading Banks. Interest on Fixed Deposits.				C'wealth. Savings Bank. Deposits (maxi- mum rate of interest).	Treasury Bills (Discount Rates).	C'wealth. Govt. Securities.		Private First Mortgages Registered in New South Wales —Urban Securities.
	3 months.	6 months.	12 months.	24 months.			Taxed at 1930 C'wealth. Rates.		
							Under 5 years.	10 years and over.	
1936-37 ..	2.00	2.50	2.75	3.00	2.00	1.75	(a) 3.57	(a) 3.94	(b) 5.3
1937-38 ..	2.00	2.50	2.75	3.00	2.00	1.75	3.30	3.71	5.4
1938-39 ..	2.00	2.50	2.75	3.00	2.00	1.75	3.67	3.84	5.5
							Taxed at Current C'wlth. Rates.		
							Short- dated, 2 years.	Long- dated, 12 years.	
									(c)	(c)
1945-46 ..	0.50	0.75	1.10	d 1.60	2.00	1.00	2.19	3.24	4.7
1946-47 ..	0.50	0.75	1.00	1.50	2.00	1.00	1.93	3.21	4.5
1947-48 ..	0.50	0.75	1.00	1.50	2.00	1.00	2.34	3.16	4.4
1948-49 ..	0.50	0.75	1.00	1.50	2.00	0.96	2.07	3.12	4.4
1949-50 ..	0.50	0.75	1.00	1.50	2.00	0.75	1.95	3.13	4.4
1950-51 ..	0.50	0.75	1.00	1.50	2.00	0.75	1.99	3.21	4.4
1951-52 ..	0.50	0.75	1.00	1.50	2.00	0.75	2.05	3.95	4.4
1950-51—									
May ..	0.50	0.75	1.00	1.50	2.00	0.75	2.00	3.24	4.4
June ..	0.50	0.75	1.00	1.50	2.00	0.75	2.05	3.51	4.4
1951-52—									
July ..	0.50	0.75	1.00	1.50	2.00	0.75	2.03	3.73	4.4
August ..	0.50	0.75	1.00	1.50	2.00	0.75	2.03	3.82	4.4
September ..	0.50	0.75	1.00	1.50	2.00	0.75	2.04	3.83	4.4
October ..	0.50	0.75	1.00	1.50	2.00	0.75	2.01	3.80	4.4
November ..	0.50	0.75	1.00	1.50	2.00	0.75	2.02	3.76	4.4
December ..	0.50	0.75	1.00	1.50	2.00	0.75	1.99	3.75	4.4
January ..	0.50	0.75	1.00	1.50	2.00	0.75	2.04	3.82	4.4
February ..	0.50	0.75	1.00	1.50	2.00	0.75	2.03	3.82	4.4
March ..	0.50	0.75	1.00	1.50	2.00	0.75	2.00	3.81	4.4
April ..	0.50	0.75	1.00	1.50	2.00	0.75	2.07	4.19	4.4
May ..	0.50	0.75	1.00	1.50	2.00	0.75	2.13	4.43	4.4
June ..	0.50	0.75	1.00	1.50	2.00	0.75	2.21	4.62	4.4
1952-53—									
July ..	0.50	0.75	1.00	1.50	2.00	0.75	2.40	4.51	4.5
August (e) ..	1.00	1.25	1.50	1.75	2.25	1.00	2.58	4.49	4.5
September ..	1.00	1.25	1.50	1.75	2.25	1.00	2.94	4.61	4.5
October ..	1.00	1.25	1.50	1.75	2.25	1.00	3.05	4.68	4.6
November ..	1.00	1.25	1.50	1.75	2.25	1.00	3.15	4.62	4.7
December ..	1.00	1.25	1.50	1.75	2.25	1.00	3.23	4.53	4.7
January ..	1.00	1.25	1.50	1.75	2.25	1.00	3.15	4.46	4.8
February ..	1.00	1.25	1.50	1.75	2.25	1.00	3.16	4.53	4.8
March ..	1.00	1.25	1.50	1.75	2.25	1.00	3.20	4.57	4.8
April ..	1.00	1.25	1.50	1.75	2.25	1.00	3.17	4.51	4.8
May ..	1.00	1.25	1.50	1.75	2.25	1.00	3.17	4.54	4.9

(a) Weighted averages for last Wednesday in month. Calculated, when loans above par, on earliest date of maturity.
 (b) Average rate on mortgages registered in three months ending with month shown. (c) Rate for securities maturing in 2 and 12 years, estimated from rates on securities maturing in 0-5, and 10 or more years, respectively. Figures relate to last Wednesday in month.
 (d) From December, 1945 to July, 1952, 1.50% on first £10,000 of deposit; 1.00% on amounts in excess. (e) The Order made by the Commonwealth Bank under the National Security (Economic Organization) Regulations fixing maximum rates of interest was revoked as at 29th July, 1952.

EXCHANGE RATES AND GOLD PRICES.

Period.	Exchange Rates.			Gold Prices.	
	Australia on London.(a)	London on New York.(a)	Australia on New York.(b)	Australia.(c)	London.
	£A. per £100 stg.	\$ per £ stg.	\$ per £ A.	£A. per fine oz.	£ stg. per fine oz.
1936-37	125.25	4.939	3.929	8.761	7.041
1937-38	125.25	4.980	3.961	8.690	7.001
1938-39	125.25	4.738	3.759	9.137	7.340
1945-46	125.25	4.030	3.198	10.763	8.613
1946-47	125.25	4.030	3.199	10.763	8.613
1947-48	125.25	4.030	3.200	10.763	8.613
1948-49	125.25	4.030	3.204	10.763	8.613
1949-50	125.25	3.074	2.445	14.443	11.557
1950-51	125.25	2.800	2.228	15.492	12.400
1951-52	125.25	2.796	2.224	15.492	12.400
1950-51—					
May	125.25	2.800	2.228	15.492	12.400
June	125.25	2.800	2.228	15.492	12.400
1951-52—					
July	125.25	2.800	2.228	15.492	12.400
August	125.25	2.800	2.228	15.492	12.400
September	125.25	2.800	2.228	15.492	12.400
October	125.25	2.800	2.228	15.492	12.400
November	125.25	2.800	2.228	15.492	12.400
December	125.25	2.795	2.225	15.492	12.400
January	125.25	2.782	2.213	15.492	12.400
February	125.25	2.781	2.213	15.492	12.400
March	125.25	2.797	2.225	15.492	12.400
April	125.25	2.808	2.234	15.492	12.400
May	125.25	2.800	2.228	15.492	12.400
June	125.25	2.785	2.216	15.492	12.400
1952-53—					
July	125.25	2.788	2.218	15.492	12.400
August	125.25	2.789	2.218	15.492	12.400
September	125.25	2.783	2.214	15.492	12.400
October	125.25	2.793	2.222	15.492	12.400
November	125.25	2.801	2.229	15.492	12.400
December	125.25	2.806	2.233	15.492	12.400
January	125.25	2.813	2.238	15.492	12.400
February	125.25	2.819	2.243	15.492	12.400
March	125.25	2.816	2.241	15.492	12.400
April	125.25	2.817	2.241	15.492	12.400
May	125.25	2.815	2.238	15.492	12.400

(a) Average of buying and selling rates for Telegraphic Transfers. price paid by the mints in Australia.

(b) Selling rate. Direct quotation.

(c) Average

LIFE ASSURANCE BUSINESS.(a)

Period	New Policies Issued.(b)				Premiums (c)		Claims, &c., Paid.(d)		New Loans Granted. (e)
	Ordinary Department.		Industrial Department.		Ordinary Department.	Industrial Department.	Ordinary Department.	Industrial Department.	
	Number.	Sum Assured.	Number.	Sum Assured.					
		£'000.		£'000.	£'000.	£'000.	£'000.	£'000.	£'000.
Monthly Average—									
1937	12,296	4,120	36,148	1,684	1,045	474	747	223	n.a.
1938	11,470	3,867	32,757	1,530	1,075	617	781	246	n.a.
1939	11,293	3,886	32,125	1,545	1,144	541	835	303	n.a.
1946	17,057	8,341	29,891	2,218	1,839	823	1,092	433	n.a.
1947(a)	19,808	9,549	26,271	2,316	2,113	889	1,052	456	n.a.
1947-48(a) ..	20,171	10,077	26,915	2,492	2,258	910	1,044	471	1,057
1948-49	20,201	10,618	25,254	2,458	2,539	967	1,112	497	1,476
1949-50	20,538	12,243	24,999	2,509	2,877	1,003	1,224	512	2,778
1950-51	21,642	15,206	22,713	2,423	3,210	1,043	1,310	491	3,893
1951-52	23,607	18,464	27,216	2,817	3,651	1,102	1,441	546	3,963
Monthly Total—									
1950-51—									
March	20,629	15,251	22,817	2,512	3,099	1,087	1,240	483	3,956
April	20,965	15,945	24,704	2,728	3,049	1,078	1,419	476	3,753
May	23,566	18,249	23,044	2,588	3,625	1,093	1,405	523	4,803
June	26,558	20,711	22,352	2,543	4,096	1,022	1,341	513	4,658
1951-52—									
July	24,178	19,569	27,368	3,138	3,964	1,119	1,483	576	6,083
August	29,639	21,861	23,916	2,798	3,610	1,131	1,410	547	4,560
September ..	29,451	22,258	27,768	3,405	3,466	1,013	1,414	503	4,771
October	23,155	18,376	26,172	3,119	3,421	1,176	1,549	564	4,333
November ..	23,659	17,291	22,817	2,763	3,541	1,228	1,471	570	3,599
December ..	28,745	26,194	17,366	2,100	3,586	1,209	1,316	492	3,999
January	12,675	9,102	8,110	970	3,281	745	1,302	427	3,244
February ..	18,206	13,932	21,745	2,641	3,251	1,118	1,369	558	3,418
March	23,337	16,515	30,099	3,754	3,612	1,150	1,489	583	3,103
April	20,371	16,980	20,496	2,519	3,566	1,040	1,441	500	3,146
May	25,022	19,926	25,619	3,209	3,876	1,155	1,518	622	4,066
June	24,842	19,567	27,118	3,389	4,643	1,140	1,525	616	3,233
1952-53—									
July	24,927	20,402	23,088	2,887	4,491	1,163	1,708	644	3,411
August	27,852	19,677	22,094	2,777	3,841	1,088	1,617	665	2,749
September ..	30,549	22,831	32,793	4,234	4,407	1,271	1,747	635	2,642
October	22,619	18,636	22,667	2,887	4,109	1,180	1,690	642	2,854
November ..	24,219	19,095	22,903	2,994	3,683	1,186	1,486	616	3,421
December ..	26,309	25,369	18,857	2,538	4,667	1,247	1,591	595	4,119
January	14,661	10,942	8,151	1,023	3,661	806	1,164	466	2,252
February ..	17,487	13,800	21,985	2,767	3,472	1,117	1,398	593	2,355
March	22,475	17,309	28,501	3,710	4,139	1,256	1,685	665	2,460

(a) Excludes business of the Government Insurance Office of New South Wales and the Queensland State Government Insurance Office which operate only in New South Wales and Queensland respectively. Monthly averages for the years 1937 to 1947 are based on annual returns for the financial years of the companies. From 1947-48 the figures have been compiled from monthly returns.
 (b) Excludes annuity policies. (c) Includes consideration for annuities. (d) Includes claims paid on death or maturity, payments made on surrender of policies, annuities and bonuses paid in cash. (e) Excludes advances of premiums.

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COMMONWEALTH AND STATES : REVENUE AND EXPENDITURE.(a)

(£'000.)

Government of—	July–April, 1951–52.			July–April, 1952–53.		
	Revenue.	Expenditure.	Surplus (+) or Deficit (—).	Revenue.	Expenditure.	Surplus (+) or Deficit (—).
New South Wales(b) ..	128,173	131,748	— 3,575	144,450	145,672	— 1,222
Victoria	58,522	66,367	— 7,845	69,820	77,623	— 7,803
Queensland	43,640	43,717	— 77	49,835	50,841	— 1,006
South Australia ..	(c) 29,147	30,367	— 1,220			
Western Australia ..	26,932	28,261	— 1,329	30,306	31,847	— 1,541
Tasmania	8,000	8,920	— 920	9,075	9,592	— 517
Six States	294,414	309,380	— 14,966			
Commonwealth ..	689,994	694,359	— 4,365	777,552	823,316	— 45,764
Grand Total	876,579	895,910	— 19,331			

Government of—	1951–52.			1952–53 Estimate.		
	Revenue.	Expenditure.	Surplus (+) or Deficit (—).	Revenue.	Expenditure.	Surplus (+) or Deficit (—).
New South Wales(b) ..	168,935	168,837	+ 98	184,927	184,911	+ 16
Victoria	81,660	84,065	— 2,405	97,796	97,784	+ 12
Queensland	55,753	55,708	+ 45	61,897	62,186	— 289
South Australia ..	(c) 37,588	37,499	+ 89	44,239	44,227	+ 12
Western Australia ..	33,955	34,547	— 592	37,641	38,082	— 441
Tasmania	10,469	10,871	— 402	11,736	12,132	— 396
Six States	388,360	391,527	— 3,167	438,236	439,322	— 1,086
Commonwealth ..	1,016,828	1,016,828	(d) ..	1,009,020	1,008,560	+ 460
Grand Total	1,261,922	1,265,089	— 3,167	1,281,750	1,282,376	— 626

(a) To avoid duplication in aggregating particulars for the Commonwealth and States, the grand totals exclude payments by the Commonwealth to the States for compensation in respect of uniform taxation, interest on States' debts, special grants and special financial assistance, also pay-roll tax payments by States to the Commonwealth. The totals of revenue and expenditure of the States have also been adjusted. (b) Excludes Main Roads Department, Road Transport and Traffic Fund, and recoups of interest, &c., from undertakings outside the Budget. (c) Excludes 1950–51 surplus carried forward. (d) Budget balanced by Special Appropriation of the surplus £98,500,000 to the National Debt Sinking Fund.

COMMONWEALTH AND STATES : SHORT-TERM DEBT.(a)

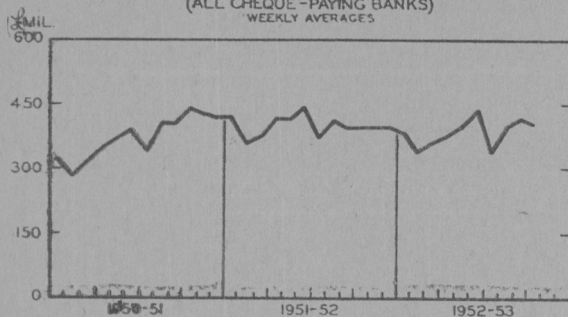
(£'000.)

Where Redeemable.	Commonwealth Securities issued on behalf of—							Total.
	Commonwealth.	New South Wales.	Victoria.	Queensland.	South Australia.	Western Australia.	Tasmania.	
At 31st May, 1953—								
Australia (b) ..	230,000		5,000	..	600	441	..	236,041
London	720	9,796	5,805	..	3,816	2,960	491	23,588
At 31st May, 1952—								
Australia (b) ..	193,280		5,000	1,000	199,280
London	970	9,796	5,805	..	3,816	2,960	491	23,838

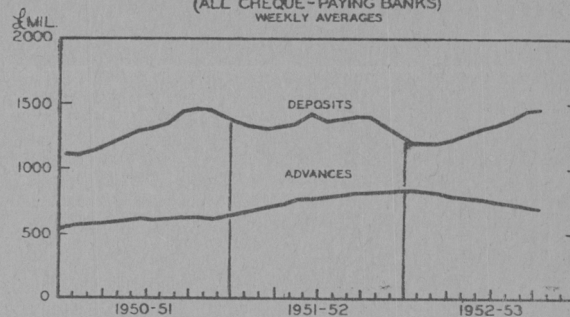
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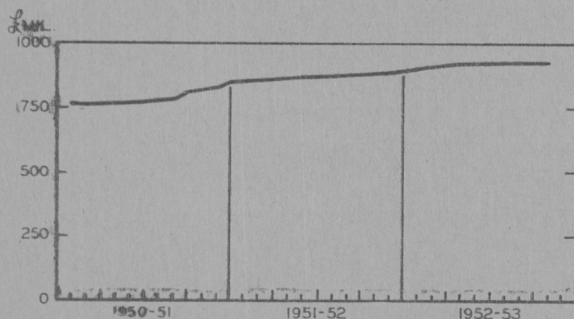
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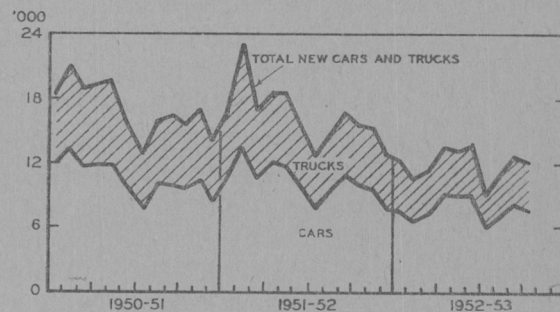
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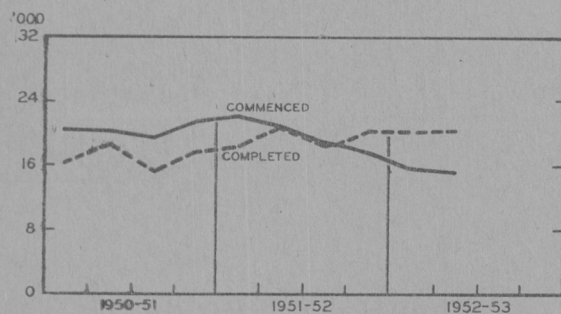
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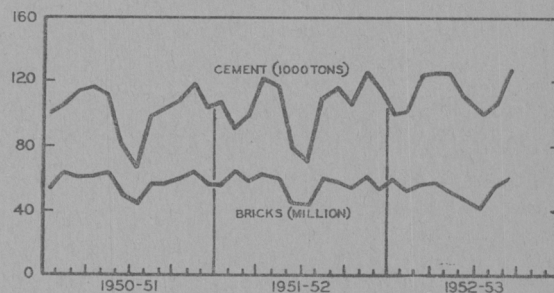
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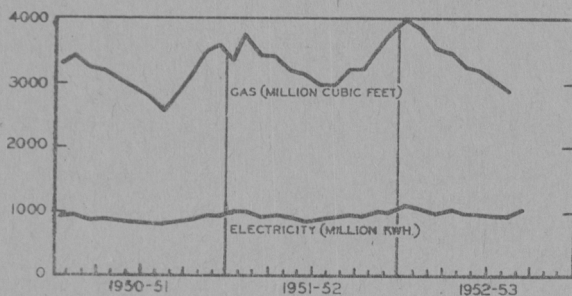
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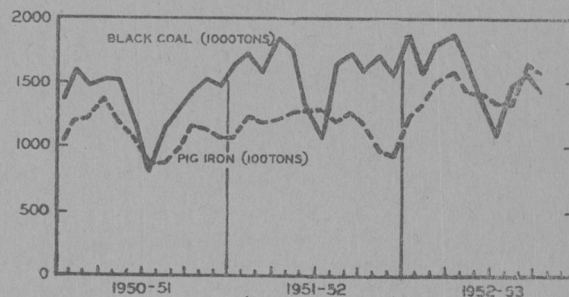
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